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Passages from the Diary of a late London Physician.

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I called in the evening—according to the promise I had made to Mrs. Elliott—on her husband, to see how he bore the discovery of his wife's sudden departure.

"How is Mr. Elliott?" I inquired of the woman of the house, who opened the door. "Is he at home?"

"Why, yes—but he's in a sad way, sir, indeed, about Mrs. Elliott's going. He's eaten nothing all day."

He was sitting at a table when I entered, with a solitary candle, and Mrs. Elliott's letter lying open before him.

"Oh! doctor, is not this worse than death?" he exclaimed. "Am I not left alone to be the prey of Satan?"

"Come, come, Mr. Elliott, moderate your feelings! Learn the lesson your incomparable wife has taught you—patience and resignation."

"It is a heavy lesson. But can a fond heart be?" he replied vehemently, on a tone and with an air that quite startled me. "Here I am left alone by God and man to be the sport of devils, and I am!—What curse is there that has not fallen, or is falling upon me? I feel assured," he continued, gloomily, "that my Mary is taken from me for ever. Oh, do not tell me otherwise—I feel—I know it! I have brought her ruin upon her! I have brought her to beggary by an unnatural, a wicked attachment! The curses of disobedience to parents are upon both of us! Yet our misery might have touched any heart except that of her fiendish father. Ah! he buries her mother to-morrow! To-morrow, then, I will be there! The earth shall not fall upon her before he looks upon me! How I will make the old man shake beside the grave he must soon drop into!—He drew a long breath—'Let him curse me!—Curse her—Curse us both—Curse our child! Then and there'——

"*The curse causeless shall not come,*" I interrupted.

"Ay, causeless! That's the thing! Causeless!" He paused. "Forgive me," he added, after a heavy sigh, resuming his usual manner; "I forgive—I have forgiven—but you wonder at it? Poor Mary's letter (here it is) has almost killed me! I have been to the place where she is, but I dared not go in to see her. Oh! doctor, *will* she be taken care of?" suddenly seizing my hand with convulsive energy.

"The very greatest care will be taken of her—the greatest skill in London will be instantly at her command in case of the slightest necessity for it—as well as every possible comfort and convenience that her situation can require. If it will be any consolation to you, I assure you I intend visiting her myself every day."—And by these means I hope to succeed in recovering something like calmness to him. The excitement occasioned by his unexpected discovery of his wife's absence, and its touching reason, had been aggravated by the unfavourable opinion he had formed of her husband, who had not, that morning expressed—alas, I feared but too justly—by the able and experienced oculist under whose care she was placed. He had in much alarm heard Mr.——ask him several questions respecting the duration of her symptoms and sensations about his eyes, which he was forced to answer in the affirmative; and the alarming effect of these inquiries was not dissipated by the cautious replies of Mr.——to his questioner, as he phrased it, "about her mother." I assured him that nothing on earth could so effectually serve him as the cultivation of calm and composed habits of mind; for that the affection of his eyes depended almost entirely upon the condition of his nervous system. I got him to promise me that he would abandon his wild and useless promise of attending the funeral of Mrs. Hillary—and I would call upon him, accompanied by his little son, about noon the next day, and also bring him tidings concerning Mrs. Elliott.

I was as good as my words; but not he. The woman of the house told me that he had left home about twelve o'clock, "but did not say when he would return. He has gone to church, as I afterwards learnt from him. He watched the funeral procession into the church, from a place by himself in a pew which commanded a near view of that occupied by the chief mourner, Mr. Hillary, who, however, never once raised his head from the handkerchief in which he seemed to be constantly weeping. When the body was borne to the grave, Elliott followed, and took his place beside the grave as near Mr. Hillary as the attendants and the crowd would admit of. He several times formed the determination to throw himself at the feet of his father and public appeal to Hillary on the subject of his deserted daughter—but his tongue failed him, his feelings overpowered him; and he staggered from where he stood to an adjoining tombstone, against which he leaned till the well and solemn words were concluded, and the mourners began to return. Once more, with desperate purpose, he approached the procession, and came up to Mr. Hillary just as he was being assisted into the coach.

"Look on me, sir," said he, suddenly tapping Mr. Hillary upon the shoulder. The old man seemed paralyzed for a moment, and stared at him as if he did not know the strange intruder.

"Mr. Elliott, sir—your forsaken daughter is my heart-broken—starving wife! do you relent, sir?"

"Elliott!—Keep him away—keep him away, for God's sake!" exclaimed Mr. Hillary, his face distorted with alarm and horror; and attendants violently dragged the intruder from the spot where he was standing, and kept him at a distance till the coach containing Mr. Hillary had driven off. Elliott then returned home, which he reached about two o'clock after I called. He paid me a visit in the evening, and I was glad to see him so much calmer than I had expected. He apologized with much earnestness for his breach of faith. He said he had found it impossible to resist the impulse which led him, in spite of all he had said ever night, to attend the funeral; for he had persuaded himself of the more than possibility that his sudden and startling appearance at so solemn a moment might have an altering effect on his daughter's feelings toward him. He gave me a full account of what had happened, and assured me with a melancholy air that he had now satisfied himself—that he had nothing to hope for further—nothing to dread from the worst—and that to my injunctions and those of his surgical adviser at the infirmary. He told me that he had seen Mrs. Elliott about an hour before, and had left her in comparatively good spirits—but the people at the hospital had told him that *her* confinement was hourly expected.

"I wonder," said he, and sighed profoundly "what effect her death would have upon Mr. Hillary? Would he cast off her children—as he has cast her off? Would his hatred follow her into the grave!—Now what should you say doctor?"

The matter-of-fact, not to say indifferent air, with which this very grave question was put, not a little surprised me. "Why, he must be obdurate indeed if such were to be the case, I answered. "I am in hopes, however, that in spite of all that has happened he will ere long be brought to a sense of his guilt and cruelty to so long forgiving the dictates of conscience—the voice of nature. When he finds himself alone"——

Elliott shook his head.——

"It must be a thundering blow, doctor, that would make his iron heart feel—and—that blow"—he sighed—"may come much sooner, it may be"—he shuddered, and looked at me with a wild air of apprehension.

"Let us hope for the best, however, Mr. Elliott! Rely upon it, the present calmness of your inestimable wife affords grounds for the happiest expectations concerning the approaching——"

"Ah! I hope you may not be mistaken. Her former accouchement was a long and dangerous one."

"Perhaps the very reason why her present may be an easy one!" He looked at me mournfully.

"And suppose it be so—what a home has the poor creature to return to after her suffering! Is that a dreary prospect?"

It was growing late, however, and presently taking my leave, I bade a cordial farewell to poor Elliott, and shook hands with him for the last time in this world. I was detained by my patients till about twelve o'clock, but walking calmly to and fro before the gates. What anguish was written in his features! But a smile passed over them—a joyful air, as he told me, before I could quit my carriage, that all was still going on well. It was so, I ascertained; and on returning from the hospital, I almost forced him into my carriage, and drove off to his lodgings, where I stayed till he had got into bed, and had solemnly promised me to remain there till I called in the evening.

For three days Mrs. Elliott continued in the most critical circumstances; during which her husband was almost every other hour at the hospital, and at length so wearied every one with his anxious and incessant inquiries, that they would hardly give him civil answers any longer. Had I not twice bled him with my own hand, and myself administered to him soothing and lowering medicines, he would certainly, I think, have gone raving mad. On the fifth day Mrs. Elliott was pronounced out of danger, but continued, of course, in a very exhausted state.—Her first inquiries were about her husband, then her little Henry; and on receiving a satisfactory answer, a sweet and sad smile stole over her features, and her feeble fingers gently compressed mine. Before I quitted her, she asked whether her husband might be permitted to see her—I of course answered in the negative. A tear stole down her cheek, but she did not attempt to utter a syllable.

The presence of professional engagements did not admit of my seeing Mr. Elliott more than once or twice during the next week. I frequently heard of him, however, at the hospital, where he called constantly three times a day; but had not yet been permitted to see Mrs. Elliott, who was considered, and in my opinion justly, unequal to the excitement of such an interview.

The dreadful mental agony in which he had spent the last fortnight, was calculated to produce the most fatal effects upon his system—of which, indeed, he seemed himself but too conscious, for every symptom of which he had complained was most fearfully aggravated.—Nevertheless, I could not prevail upon him—at least, he said, for the present—to continue his visits to the Eye Infirmary. He said, with a melancholy air, that he had too many, and very different matters to attend to—and he must postpone, for the present, all attention to his own complaints. Alas! he *had* many other subjects of anxiety than his own ailments! Supposing his wife to be restored to him, even in a moderate degree of strength and convalescence—what prospect was before them! What means of obtaining a livelihood? What chance was there of her inexorable old father changing his cold purpose!—Was his wife then to quit the scene of her almost mortal sufferings, only to perish before his eyes—of want—and her father wallowing in wealth!—the thought was horrible!—Elliott sat at home, alone, thinking of these things, and shuddered; he quitted his home and wandered through the streets with vacant eye and blighted heart—" He wanderth abroad for bread, saying, where is it? He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.'*

Friday. This morning my wife called, at my suggestion, to see Mrs. Elliott, accompanied by her little boy, whom I had perceived she was pining to see. I thought they might meet without affording ground for uneasiness as to the result.

"My little Henry!" exclaimed a low soft voice as my wife and child were silently ushered into the room where lay Mrs. Elliott, wasted almost to a shadow, her face and hands,—said my wife—white as the lily. 'Come, love—kiss me!' she faintly murmured; and my wife brought the child to the bed-side, and lifting him upon her knee, inclined his face towards his mother. She feebly placed her arm around his neck, and pressed him to her bosom.

'Let me see his face!' she whispered, removing her arm.

She gazed tenderly at him for some minutes: the child looking first at her and then at my wife with mingled fear and surprise.

'*How like his father!*' she murmured—kiss me again, love!—Don't be afraid of your poor mother, Harry!' Her eyes filled with tears. 'Am I so altered?' said she to my wife, who stammered yes and no in one breath.

'Has he been a good boy?'

"Very—very'—replied my wife, turning aside her head, unable for a moment to look either mother or son in the face. Mrs. Elliott perceived my wife's emotion, and her chill fingers gently grased her hand.

'Does he say his prayers?—you've not forgotten that, Harry!'

'The child, whose little breast was beginning to heave, shook his head, and faped a faint—'No, mamma!'

'God bless thee, my darling!' exclaimed his mother, in a low tone, closing her eyes—'He will not desert thee—nor thy parents!—He feeds the young ravens when they cry!' She paused, and the tears trembled through her almost transparent eyelids. My wife, who had with the utmost difficulty restrained her feelings, leaned over the poor sufferer, pressed her lips to her forehead, and gently taking the child with her, stepped hastily from the room. As soon as they had got into the matron's parlour, where my wife sat down for a few moments, her little companion burst into tears, and cried as if his heart would break. The matron tried to pacify him, but in vain. 'I hope, ma'am,' said she, to my wife, 'he did not cry in this way before his mother'—Dr.——and Mr.——both say that she must not be agitated in any way, or they will not answer for the consequence.—At this moment I made my appearance, having called, in passing, to pay a visit to Mrs. Elliott, and bearing how much her late interview had overcome her, I left, taking my wife and little Elliott—still sobbing—with me, and promised to call on, if possible, in the evening. I did so, accordingly; and when I had leaved my wife at home for the emotion occasioned by her first interview with her child, since her illness. She expressed herself very grateful to me for the care which she said we had evidently taken of him—' and how like he resembled his father!'—she repeated, but promising to call upon her either on Sunday or Monday. I resolved to do nothing rashly; for it glanced across my mind, as *possible*, that Elliott might not really carried into execution the dreadful intention he had stole into the room, but had resorted to a stratagem only in order to terrify Mr. Hillary into a reconciliation. This notion took such full possession of my heated imagination, that I at length lost sight of all the glaring improbabilities attending it. I, however, abroad the first paragraph that fell under my hurried eye, in scanning over the papers of Monday, was the following:—

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I drove off to the place mentioned in the paragraph, and arrived there just as the jury was assembling. There was a considerable crowd about the doors. I sent in my card; and stating that I had a deposition to make respecting the body for which the inquest was summoned, I was allowed to view the corpse, and ushered at once into the room where it lay.

I wish Mr. Hillary could have entered that room with me, and have stood beside me, as I stepped shuddering forward and perceived that I was looking upon—HIS VICTIM! The body lay with its wet clothes undisturbed, just as it had been taken out of the water. The damp hair—the eyes wide open—the hands clenched as if in the agonies of death.

Here lay the husband of Mrs. Elliott—the fond object of her unconquerable love! This was he to whom she had written so tenderly on quitting home! Here lay he whom she had so sweetly consoled by almost dying expressions of love! This was he to whom, with a pious confidence, she had predicted her speedy and happy return! This was the father of her sweet boy who sate pratingly at my table only that moment! The recollection of this, I mention, that—that you may live to repent what you have done; to redress the wrongs you have committed! Your poor persecuted daughter, Mr. Hillary, is not dead. He uttered a sudden sharp cry that startled me; grasped my hands, and carried them to his lips, kissed them in a kind of ecstacy.

'Tell me—say plainly—only say—that Mary is alive'——

'Well, then, sir, your daughter is alive, but'——

'He fell upon his knees, and groaned. 'Oh God, I thank thee! I thank thee! How I thank thee!'

'I waited till he had in some measure recovered from the violent agitation of his mind; my words had thrown him, and assisted in loosening his shirt-collar, and neck-handkerchief, which seemed to oppress him.

'*Who*—then—he stammered—' who was—*found murdered*—instead of your poor child?'

'Her poor broken-hearted husband, sir, who will be buried at my expense in a day or two.'

He covered his face with his hands, and cried bitterly.

'This letter was written by him to you, sir, and he sent it to me only a few hours, it seems, before he destroyed himself, and commissioned me to deliver it to you. Is not his blood, sir, lying at your door?'

'Oh! Lord, have mercy on me! Lord—Christ—forgive me! Lord, forgive a guilty old sinner,' he groaned, striking upon his knees, and wringing his hands. 'I—I am his murderer! I feel—I know it!'

'Shall I read to you, sir, his last words?' said I.

'Yes, but—they'll choke me. I can't bear them. He sank back exhausted upon the sofa. I took up the letter, which had remained untouched. My wife and I interchanged but few and melancholy words; our noisy, lively, little guest was not present to disturb, by his innocent sallies, the mournful silence; for, unable to bear his presence, I had directed that he should not be brought down that day. I had written to Mrs. Elliott a brief and hasty line, saying—that I had *just seen Mr. Elliott!* but that it would be impossible for either of us to call upon her that day! adding that I would certainly call upon her the day after—and—Heaven pardon the equivocation!—bring Mr. Elliott, *if possible*, which I feared might be doubtful as his eyes were under very active treatment.

I have had to encounter in my time many, very many trying and terrible scenes, but I never approached any with so much apprehension and anxiety as the one now cast upon me. Fortifying myself with a few glasses of wine, I put Mr. Elliott's letter to Mr. Hillary in my pocket-book, and drove off for ——— Square. I reached the house about eight o'clock. My servant, by my direction, thundered impetuously at the door—a startling summons I intended it to be! The porter threw open the door almost before my servant had removed his hand from the knocker.

'Is Mr. Hillary at home?' I inquired, stepping hurriedly from my carriage, with the fearful letter in my hand. 'He is, sir, said the man, with a flurried air—'But—he—he—does not receive company, sir, since my mistress's death.'

'Take my card to him sir. My name is Dr.——. I must see Mr. Hillary instantly.'

I waited in the hall for a few moments, and then received a message, requesting me to walk into the back drawing-room. There I saw Miss Gubbley, as the servant told me—alone, and dressed in deep mourning. What I had heard of this woman inspired me with the utmost contempt and hatred for her. What a countenance! Meanness, malice, cunning, and sycophancy seemed struggling for the ascendant in its expression.

'Pardon me, madam—my business,' said I, impatiently, 'is not with you, but with Mr. Hillary. Him I must see, and immediately.'

'Dr.——, what is the matter?' she inquired with mingled anger and anxiety in her countenance.

'I have a communication, madam, for Mr. Hillary's private ear—and must see him. I insist upon seeing him immediately.'

'This is strange conduct, sir—really,' said Miss Gubbley, in an impudent manner, but her features becoming every moment paler and paler.

'Have you his already'——

'I unceremoniously pushed the malignant little parasite aside, opened the folding doors, and stepped instantly into the presence of the man I at once desired and dreaded to see. He sat on the sofa, in the attitude and with the expression of a man who had been suddenly aroused from sleep.

'Dr.——!' he exclaimed, with an astonished and angry air—' Your servant doctor!—What's the meaning of all this?'

'I am sorry to intrude upon you, Mr. Hillary—especially after the unpleasant manner in which your acquaintance was terminated—but—I have a dreadful duty to perform'—pointing to the letter I held, and turning towards him its black seal. He saw it. He seemed rather startled or alarmed: motioned me, with a quick anxious bow, to take a seat, and resumed his own.

'Excuse me, Mr. Hillary—but we must be *alone*,' said I pointing to Miss Gubbley, who had followed me with a suspicious and insolent air, exclaiming, as she stepped hastily towards Mr. Hillary—'Don't *suffer* this conduct, sir! It's very incorrect—very, sir.'

'We *must* be alone, sir,' I repeated, calmly and peremptorily, 'or I shall retire at once. You would never cease to repeat *that*, sir,' and Mr. Hillary, as if he had suddenly discovered some strange meaning in my eye, motioned the pertinacious intruder to the door, and she reluctantly obeyed. I drew my chair near Mr. Hillary, who seemed, by this time, thoroughly alarmed.

'Will you read this letter, sir?' said I, handing it to him. He took it into his hand; looked first at the direction; then at the seal, and lastly at me in silence.

'Do you know that hand writing, sir?' I inquired.

He stammered in answer in the negative.

'Look at it, sir, again. You ought to know it; you must know it well.' He laid down the letter; fumbled in his waistcoat-pocket for his glasses; placed them with infinite trepidation upon his forehead, and again took the letter into his hands, which shook violently; and his sight was so confused with agitation, that I saw he could make nothing of it.

'It seems—it appears to be—a man's hand, sir. Whose is it? What is it about? What's the matter?' he exclaimed, looking at me over his glasses with a frightened stare.

'I have attended, sir, a coroner's inquest this morning'——The letter dropped instantly from his hand; a shaking hand upon the floor: his lips slowly opened.

'The writer of that letter, sir, was found drowned on Saturday last.' I continued slowly, looking steadfastly at him, and feeling myself great pity for every moment——'This day I saw the body—stretched upon the shuttered inn-inn. Oh, those awful eyes!' The hair matted and muddy! Those clenched hands—Horror filled my soul as I looked at all this, and thought of you!

'He lips moved, he uttered a few distinctlyible sounds, and his face, suddenly bedewed with perspiration, assumed one of the most ghastly expressions that a human countenance could exhibit. I remained silent, nor did he speak; but the big drops rolled from his forehead and he sank down upon the floor. I thought he was dead. 'Oh! Doctor—when may I see him?—Do—dear doctor, let us meet, if it be but for a moment! Oh, how, I long to see him! I will not be agitated! It will do me more good than all the medicine in the building!'

'In a few days time, my dear madam, I assure you'——

'Why not to-morrow?—oh, if you knew the good that one look of his would do me—he does not look ill,' she interrupted, in a fond tone.

'He—he looks certainly rather harassed on your account; but in other respects he is'——

'Promise me—let me see for myself; oh bring him with you!'—I—I—own I could not bear to see him *alone*, but in your presence—do, dear doctor! promise'—I shall sleep so sweetly to-night if you will.

Her looks—her tender murmuring voice, overcame me; and I promised to bring Mr. Elliott with me to see her the morrow. I bade her good-night.

'Remember, doctor!' she whispered as I rose to go.

'I will!'—said I, and quitted the room, already almost repenting of the rash promise I had made. But who could have resisted her?

Sweet soul! What will become of these! Bred up in the lap of luxury, and accustomed to have every wish gratified—every want anticipated—what kind of scene awaited these of returning to thy humble lodgings—

'Where hopeless Anguish pours her group,
And lonely Want retires to die!'*

For wist is not so. What miracle was to save them from starvation? Full of such melancholy reflections, I walked home, resolved to leave no stone unturned on their behalf, and pledged myself and wife that the forty pounds we had already collected for the Elliotts from among our benevolent friends, should be raised to a hundred, however great might be the deficiency we made up ourselves.

Saturday. I was preparing to pay some early visits to distant patients, and arranging so as to take Mr. Elliott with me on my return, when I calculated would be about two o'clock, to pay the promised visit to Mrs. Elliott—when my servant brought me a handful of letters which had that moment been left by the twopenny postman. I was going to cram them into my coat-pocket, and read them in the carriage, when my eye was attracted by one of them much larger than the rest, sealed with a black seal, and the address in Elliott's hand-writing. I hastily examined my seat; and placing the other letters in my pocket, proceeded to break the seal with some trepidation,—which increased to a sickening degree when four letters fell out—all of them sealed with black, and in Elliott's hand-writing, and addressed respectively to—' Jacob Hillary, Esq.'—' Mrs. Elliott,'—' Henry Elliott,'—and ' Dr.——' (myself.) I sat for a minute or two, with this terrible array before me, scarce daring to breathe, or to trust myself to my thoughts—when my wife entered, leading in her constant companion, little Elliott, to take their leave, as usual, before I set out for the day. The sight of Henry Elliott, to whom one of these portentous letters was addressed, overpowered me. My wife, seeing me discomposed, was beginning to inquire the reason, when I rose, and with gentle force put her out of the room and bolted the door, hurriedly telling her that I had just received unpleasant accounts concerning one or two of my patients. With trembling hands I opened the letter which was addressed to me, and read with infinite consternation as follows:—

'When you are reading these lines, kind doctor! I shall be sweetly sleeping the sleep of death. All will be over; there will be one wretch the less upon the earth.

'God, before whom I shall be standing face to face, while you read this letter, will, I hope, have mercy upon me, and forgive me for appearing before Him uncalled. Amen!

'But I could not live. I felt blindness—the last curse—descending upon me—blindness and beggary. I saw my wife broken-hearted. Nothing but misery and starvation before her and her child.

'Oh, has she not loved me with a noble love? And yet it is thus I leave her! But she knows not—through him I have returned her love, and she will hereafter find that love alone led me to take this dreadful step.

'Grievous has been the misery she has bore for my sake. I thought, in marrying her, that I might have overcome the difficulties which threatened us—that I might have struggled at least for our bread; but he ordered otherwise, and *it has been in vain for me to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow.*

'Why did I leave life? Because I know, as if a voice from Heaven had told me, that my death will reconcile Mary and her father. It is me alone whom he hates, and her only on my account. When I shall be gone, he will receive her to his arms, and she and my son shall be happy.

'Oh, my God! that I shall never see the face of Mary again, or ——— But presently she will look at our son, and she will revive.

'I entreat you, as in the name of the dead—it is a voice from the grave—to be yourself the bearer of this news to Mary, when, and as you may think fit. Give her this letter, and also give, yourself, to Mr. Hillary the letter which bears his dreadful name upon it. I know, I feel, that it will open his heart, and he will receive them to his arms.

'I have written also a few lines to my son. Ah, my boy, your father will be mouldered into dust before you will understand what I have written. Grieve for your unfortunate father, but do not—disown him!

'As for you, best of men, my only *friend*, farewell! Forgive all the trouble I have given. God reward you. You will be in my latest thoughts. I leave written to you that.

'Now I have done. I am calm; the bitterness of death is past. Farewell! The grave—the darkness of death is upon my soul—but I have no fear. To-night, before this candle shall have burnt out—at midnight——Oh, Mary! Henry!—Shall we ever meet again? 'H. E.'

I read this letter over half a dozen times, for every paragraph pushed the preceding one out of my memory. Then I took up mechanically the first letter addressed to his son. It contained a large lock of his father's hair, and the following verses,* written in a great straggling hand:

'I have wished for death; wherefore do I not call for my son?

'My son, when I am dead, bury me; and despise not thy mother, but honour her all the days of thy life, and do that which shall please her, and grieve her not.

'Remember, my son, that she saw many dangers for thee, when thou wast in her womb, and when she is dead, bury her by me in one grave.'

'Thus, on the point of death, writes thy father to his beloved son. *Remember!* HENRY ELLIOTT.'

As soon as I had somewhat recovered the shock occasioned by the perusal of these letters, I folded them all up, stepped hastily into my carriage, and postponing all my other visits, drove off direct to the lodgings of Mr. Elliott. The woman of the house was standing at the door talking earnestly with one or two persons.

'Where is Mr. Elliott?' I inquired, leaping out of the carriage.

'That's what we want to know, sir,' replied the woman, very pale. 'He must have gone out very late last night, sir, and hasn't been back since; for when I looked into his room this morning to ask about breakfast, it was empty.'

'Did you observe any thing particular in his appearance last night?' I inquired, preparing to ascend the little staircase.

'Yes, sir, very wild-like! And about eight or nine o'clock, he comes to the top of the stairs, and calls out, 'Mrs. ——, did you hear that' No, mamma!' Didn't you see something?' 'Lord, sir, said I, in a taking, he spoke so sudden,' so I thought I made my appearance, having called, in passing, to pay a visit to Mrs. Elliott, and bearing how much her late interview had overcome her, I left, taking my wife and little Elliott—still sobbing—with me, and promised to call on, if possible, in the evening. I did so, accordingly; and when I leaved my wife at home for the emotion occasioned by her first interview with her child, since her illness. She expressed herself very grateful to me for the care which she said we had evidently taken of him—' and how like he resembled his father!'—she repeated, but promising to call upon her either on Sunday or Monday. I resolved to do nothing rashly; for it glanced across my mind, as *possible*, that Elliott might not really carried into execution the dreadful intention he had stole into the room, but had resorted to a stratagem only in order to terrify Mr. Hillary into a reconciliation. This notion took such full possession of my heated imagination, that I at length lost sight of all the glaring improbabilities attending it. I, however, abroad the first paragraph that fell under my hurried eye, in scanning over the papers of Monday, was the following:—

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I drove off to the place mentioned in the paragraph, and arrived there just as the jury was assembling. There was a considerable crowd about the doors. I sent in my card; and stating that I had a deposition to make respecting the body for which the inquest was summoned, I was allowed to view the corpse, and ushered at once into the room where it lay.

I wish Mr. Hillary could have entered that room with me, and have stood beside me, as I stepped shuddering forward and perceived that I was looking upon—HIS VICTIM! The body lay with its wet clothes undisturbed, just as it had been taken out of the water. The damp hair—the eyes wide open—the hands clenched as if in the agonies of death.

Here lay the husband of Mrs. Elliott—the fond object of her unconquerable love! This was he to whom she had written so tenderly on quitting home! Here lay he whom she had so sweetly consoled by almost dying expressions of love! This was he to whom, with a pious confidence, she had predicted her speedy and happy return! This was the father of her sweet boy who sate pratingly at my table only that moment! The recollection of this, I mention, that—that you may live to repent what you have done; to redress the wrongs you have committed! Your poor persecuted daughter, Mr. Hillary, is not dead. He uttered a sudden sharp cry that startled me; grasped my hands, and carried them to his lips, kissed them in a kind of ecstacy.

'Tell me—say plainly—only say—that Mary is alive'——

'I waited till he had in some measure recovered from the violent agitation of his mind; my words had thrown him, and assisted in loosening his shirt-collar, and neck-handkerchief, which seemed to oppress him.

'*Who*—then—he stammered—' who was—*found murdered*—instead of your poor child?'

'Her poor broken-hearted husband, sir, who will be buried at my expense in a day or two.'

He covered his face with his hands, and cried bitterly.

'This letter was written by him to you, sir, and he sent it to me only a few hours, it seems, before he destroyed himself, and commissioned me to deliver it to you. Is not his blood, sir, lying at your door?'

'Oh! Lord, have mercy on me! Lord—Christ—forgive me! Lord, forgive a guilty old sinner,' he groaned, striking upon his knees, and wringing his hands. 'I—I am his murderer! I feel—I know it!'

'Shall I read to you, sir, his last words?' said I.

'Yes, but—they'll choke me. I can't bear them. He sank back exhausted upon the sofa. I took up the letter, which had remained untouched. My wife and I interchanged but few and melancholy words; our noisy, lively, little guest was not present to disturb, by his innocent sallies, the mournful silence; for, unable to bear his presence, I had directed that he should not be brought down that day. I had written to Mrs. Elliott a brief and hasty line, saying—that I had *just seen Mr. Elliott!* but that it would be impossible for either of us to call upon her that day! adding that I would certainly call upon her the day after—and—Heaven pardon the equivocation!—bring Mr. Elliott, *if possible*, which I feared might be doubtful as his eyes were under very active treatment.

I have had to encounter in my time many, very many trying and terrible scenes, but I never approached any with so much apprehension and anxiety as the one now cast upon me. Fortifying myself with a few glasses of wine, I put Mr. Elliott's letter to Mr. Hillary in my pocket-book, and drove off for ——— Square. I reached the house about eight o'clock. My servant, by my direction, thundered impetuously at the door—a startling summons I intended it to be! The porter threw open the door almost before my servant had removed his hand from the knocker.

'Is Mr. Hillary at home?' I inquired, stepping hurriedly from my carriage, with the fearful letter in my hand. 'He is, sir, said the man, with a flurried air—'But—he—he—does not receive company, sir, since my mistress's death.'

'Take my card to him sir. My name is Dr.——. I must see Mr. Hillary instantly.'

'Pardon me, madam—my business,' said I, impatiently, 'is not with you, but with Mr. Hillary. Him I must see, and immediately.'

'Dr.——, what is the matter?' she inquired with mingled anger and anxiety in her countenance.

'I have a communication, madam, for Mr. Hillary's private ear—and must see him. I insist upon seeing him immediately.'

'This is strange conduct, sir—really,' said Miss Gubbley, in an impudent manner, but her features becoming every moment paler and paler.

'Have you his already'——

'I unceremoniously pushed the malignant little parasite aside, opened the folding doors, and stepped instantly into the presence of the man I at once desired and dreaded to see. He sat on the sofa, in the attitude and with the expression of a man who had been suddenly aroused from sleep.

'Dr.——!' he exclaimed, with an astonished and angry air—' Your servant doctor!—What's the meaning of all this?'

'I am sorry to intrude upon you, Mr. Hillary—especially after the unpleasant manner in which your acquaintance was terminated—but—I have a dreadful duty to perform'—pointing to the letter I held, and turning towards him its black seal. He saw it. He seemed rather startled or alarmed: motioned me, with a quick anxious bow, to take a seat, and resumed his own.

'Excuse me, Mr. Hillary—but we must be *alone*,' said I pointing to Miss Gubbley, who had followed me with a suspicious and insolent air, exclaiming, as she stepped hastily towards Mr. Hillary—'Don't *suffer* this conduct, sir! It's very incorrect—very, sir.'

'We *must* be alone, sir,' I repeated, calmly and peremptorily, 'or I shall retire at once. You would never cease to repeat *that*, sir,' and Mr. Hillary, as if he had suddenly discovered some strange meaning in my eye, motioned the pertinacious intruder to the door, and she reluctantly obeyed. I drew my chair near Mr. Hillary, who seemed, by this time, thoroughly alarmed.

'Will you read this letter, sir?' said I, handing it to him. He took it into his hand; looked first at the direction; then at the seal, and lastly at me in silence.

'Do you know that hand writing, sir?' I inquired.

He stammered in answer in the negative.

'Look at it, sir, again. You ought to know it; you must know it well.' He laid down the letter; fumbled in his waistcoat-pocket for his glasses; placed them with infinite trepidation upon his forehead, and again took the letter into his hands, which shook violently; and his sight was so confused with agitation, that I saw he could make nothing of it.

'It seems—it appears to be—a man's hand, sir. Whose is it? What is it about? What's the matter?' he exclaimed, looking at me over his glasses with a frightened stare.

'I have attended, sir, a coroner's inquest this morning'——The letter dropped instantly from his hand; a shaking hand upon the floor: his lips slowly opened.

'The writer of that letter, sir, was found drowned on Saturday last.' I continued slowly, looking steadfastly at him, and feeling myself great pity for every moment——'This day I saw the body—stretched upon the shuttered inn-inn. Oh, those awful eyes!' The hair matted and muddy! Those clenched hands—Horror filled my soul as I looked at all this, and thought of you!

'His lips moved, he uttered a few distinctlyible sounds, and his face, suddenly bedewed with perspiration, assumed one of the most ghastly expressions that a human countenance could exhibit. I remained silent, nor did he speak; but the big drops rolled from his forehead and he sank down upon the floor. I thought he was dead. 'Oh! Doctor—when may I see him?—Do—dear doctor, let us meet, if it be but for a moment! Oh, how, I long to see him! I will not be agitated! It will do me more good than all the medicine in the building!'

'In a few days time, my dear madam, I assure you'——

'Why not to-morrow?—oh, if you knew the good that one look of his would do me—he does not look ill,' she interrupted, in a fond tone.

'He—he looks certainly rather harassed on your account; but in other respects he is'——

'Promise me—let me see for myself; oh bring him with you!'—I—I—own I could not bear to see him *alone*, but in your presence—do, dear doctor! promise'—I shall sleep so sweetly to-night if you will.

Her looks—her tender murmuring voice, overcame me; and I promised to bring Mr. Elliott with me to see her the morrow. I bade her good-night.

'Remember, doctor!' she whispered as I rose to go.

'I will!'—said I, and quitted the room, already almost repenting of the rash promise I had made. But who could have resisted her?

Sweet soul! What will become of these! Bred up in the lap of luxury, and accustomed to have every wish gratified—every want anticipated—what kind of scene awaited these of returning to thy humble lodgings—

'Where hopeless Anguish pours her group,
And lonely Want retires to die!'*

For wist is not so. What miracle was to save them from starvation? Full of such melancholy reflections, I walked home, resolved to leave no stone unturned on their behalf, and pledged myself and wife that the forty pounds we had already collected for the Elliotts from among our benevolent friends, should be raised to a hundred, however great might be the deficiency we made up ourselves.

Saturday. I was preparing to pay some early visits to distant patients, and arranging so as to take Mr. Elliott with me on my return, when I calculated would be about two o'clock, to pay the promised visit to Mrs. Elliott—when my servant brought me a handful of letters which had that moment been left by the twopenny postman. I was going to cram them into my coat-pocket, and read them in the carriage, when my eye was attracted by one of them much larger than the rest, sealed with a black seal, and the address in Elliott's hand-writing. I hastily examined my seat; and placing the other letters in my pocket, proceeded to break the seal with some trepidation,—which increased to a sickening degree when four letters fell out—all of them sealed with black, and in Elliott's hand-writing, and addressed respectively to—' Jacob Hillary, Esq.'—' Mrs. Elliott,'—' Henry Elliott,'—and ' Dr.——' (myself.) I sat for a minute or two, with this terrible array before me, scarce daring to breathe, or to trust myself to my thoughts—when my wife entered, leading in her constant companion, little Elliott, to take their leave, as usual, before I set out for the day. The sight of Henry Elliott, to whom one of these portentous letters was addressed, overpowered me. My wife, seeing me discomposed, was beginning to inquire the reason, when I rose, and with gentle force put her out of the room and bolted the door, hurriedly telling her that I had just received unpleasant accounts concerning one or two of my patients. With trembling hands I opened the letter which was addressed to me, and read with infinite consternation as follows:—

'When you are reading these lines, kind doctor! I shall be sweetly sleeping the sleep of death. All will be over; there will be one wretch the less upon the earth.

'God, before whom I shall be standing face to face, while you read this letter, will, I hope, have mercy upon me, and forgive me for appearing before Him uncalled. Amen!

'But I could not live. I felt blindness—the last curse—descending upon me—blindness and beggary. I saw my wife broken-hearted. Nothing but misery and starvation before her and her child.

'Oh, has she not loved me with a noble love? And yet it is thus I leave her! But she knows not—through him I have returned her love, and she will hereafter find that love alone led me to take this dreadful step.

'Grievous has been the misery she has bore for my sake. I thought, in marrying her, that I might have overcome the difficulties which threatened us—that I might have struggled at least for our bread; but he ordered otherwise, and *it has been in vain for me to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrow.*

'Why did I leave life? Because I know, as if a voice from Heaven had told me, that my death will reconcile Mary and her father. It is me alone whom he hates, and her only on my account. When I shall be gone, he will receive her to his arms, and she and my son shall be happy.

'Oh, my God! that I shall never see the face of Mary again, or ——— But presently she will look at our son, and she will revive.

'I entreat you, as in the name of the dead—it is a voice from the grave—to be yourself the bearer of this news to Mary, when, and as you may think fit. Give her this letter, and also give, yourself, to Mr. Hillary the letter which bears his dreadful name upon it. I know, I feel, that it will open his heart, and he will receive them to his arms.

'I have written also a few lines to my son. Ah, my boy, your father will be mouldered into dust before you will understand what I have written. Grieve for your unfortunate father, but do not—disown him!

'As for you, best of men, my only *friend*, farewell! Forgive all the trouble I have given. God reward you. You will be in my latest thoughts. I leave written to you that.

'Now I have done. I am calm; the bitterness of death is past. Farewell! The grave—the darkness of death is upon my soul—but I have no fear. To-night, before this candle shall have burnt out—at midnight——Oh, Mary! Henry!—Shall we ever meet again? 'H. E.'

I read this letter over half a dozen times, for

FOREIGN VARIETIES.

A considerable revolution in religious forms, it is said, is about to take place among the Catholics in Ireland. Already in several places the ceremony of mass has been performed in *English*.

A Moral Regulation.—Custom House oaths are exploded in England, and a solemn affirmation used instead.

Munificent.—The Duke of Northumberland has lately built no less than fourteen churches and chapels in Northumberland county.

The gallant General Church, formerly of Greece, is gone, it is said, to Timbuctoo.

Two of the principle coach-masters of Bristol, have at this time upwards of 100 horses laid up with the prevailing influenza.

Iron steamboats are coming into general use in Great Britain.

Cattle Steamboats.—Such are the profits obtained by the Scotch farmers of Inverness, Aberdeen, &c. since the experiment of their sheep and black cattle to London by steam, that it is proposed to have a line of coast steamboats entirely appropriated to that object.

Lady Blessington, it is said, calls her tedious visiters *stay-makers*—putting them in the corset line.

Somnology.—A person in England advertises to procure sound refreshing sleep, and dignifies his profession by the above title.

Progress of Rail Road and Beet Sugar Manufacture in Russia.—Mr. Cockerill at his manufactory in England, is making 27 steam engines for the beet root manufacture, and 30 steam carriages all for Russia.

No less than 11,000 men are at this moment employed on the London and Birmingham Rail Road.

Ticklishnesses of the Law.—Two men at the Cambridge Assizes, escaped from the charge of stealing sheep, because the animals were hoggets, or two year old ewes, not mentioned in the statute.

Corn (i. e. wheat) in Germany has already risen 30 per cent on the presumed failure of the crops in the United States.

French Daring.—A young lady at Pradel, near Odessa, had the temerity to ascend in a paper balloon. It burst, but she miraculously escaped with her life.

Splendid Egyptian Hieroglyphic.—At the sale of Mr. Burton's collection of Egyptian antiquities, the splendid roll in memory of Nebseni, a scribe of the temple of Phah Seker, at Memphis, on one sheet of paper, made of the papyrus plant, near one hundred feet in length, without a single join, (nothing new under the sun!) was bought for the British Museum for 190*l.*

There is to be a column of granite erected to the memory of Napoleon in his native town of Corsica. It is to be surmounted by a statue similar to that in the Place Vendome, at Paris. Louis Phillippe and the Duke of Orleans head the subscription. The Council General of Corsica have voted 20,000 francs, and that of the Seine 5000 francs.

Strength of the Human Frame.—At the late anniversary of the opening of the Surrey Zoological Gardens, some amazing feats of strength were exhibited by two Frenchmen. One of them successfully resisted the united efforts of two horses to drag him from a platform on which he was lying; and the other, while suspended by his feet from a cross beam raised into the air a horse of ordinary size.

Universal Language.—At a Scientific Congress now assembled at Liege, one of the subjects under discussion is the possibility of a universal language, as a consequence of Iron Rail Roads.

Potato Beer.—The Germans will now manufacture their favorite beverage in greater abundance and at a cheaper rate than ever. M. Balling, Professor of Chemistry at Prague, has succeeded in making an excellent Beer from Potatoes. It is the color of Wine, and is very strong, and very agreeable to the taste.

Beet Sugar in England.—Agriculture in England are beginning to turn their attention to the cultivation of beet root, in consequence of the success which is understood to have attended the attempts to make sugar from it in France and elsewhere.

A new Discovery in the Circulation of the Blood.—Mr. Behn, a German naturalist, has found that there is a circulation of a sustaining fluid throughout the whole extent of the body of grubs of hemipterous insects; and that this circulation is altogether independent of the circulation of the dorsal vessel. The pulsation is chiefly in the upper part of the legs, and it is sometimes intermittent. Cuvier supposed these insects had no circulation.

[illegible] the superior of Austria is about to be crowned King of Hungary, and has invited a select party to meet his Majesty at dinner; only thirty thousand are expected to sit down to table! This is a royal way of assuming the government of the Hungrey people, and we hope they will show their gratitude by kicking up no rows although their Sovereign bids them exhibit plenty of *jaw*;—it is clear that his Majesty has great respect for their *Diet*.

A gentleman of Jersey is anxious to inform the people of England that if they will not accept the challenge of Ireland to produce a more beautiful woman than "the Maid of Ross," he will. He is ready to treble the stakes, and engage to name a lady in Jersey who will come nearer to the standard of beauty as exhibited in the *Venus de Medici*, than any other in the king's dominions.

A Remarkable Case.—A woman in London, whilst eating her dinner, was choked by a large piece of hard potatoe lodging in the sac of the œsophagus. Three hours thereafter, when in a state of suffocation, two drachms of a solution of 3 grains of Tarter Emet. in an ounce of water, was injected into the external *vein* which relieved the patient immediately.

Disease among Forest Trees.—Mr. Spence has lately read some important information before the Entomological Society, touching the destruction of the elm trees in Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne, by an insect called *Scolytus Destructor*. Between three and four millions of pine trees in the German forests have been destroyed in the same manner.

Taglioni's recovery and re-appearance at the great French Opera, has produced as usual an immense sensation. A paper says:

"The performance was *La Sylphide*, and never was that fanciful and spiritualized creation embodied with more poetry and grace than last night. The fall of the curtain was the signal for one of those scenes of enthusiasm of which only those who have seen a French audience at the French Opera can form an idea."

A contrivance has been used at Halifax, England, where the abruptness of the acclivities prevents the formation of reservoirs for the supply of the canals connecting with Manchester, Leeds, and the rivers Mersey and Humber, by which water is raised one hundred and nine feet, in sufficient quantities to answer the purpose. It is done by means of a steam engine erected on an eminence, from which a shaft is sunk, to the bottom of which a tunnel brings the water of the Rochdale canal. This water is raised by the engine and made to flow into an aqueduct through which it passes into a basin in the town, which is thus supplied with water raised 109 feet after being conveyed by artificial means, one mile and a half under ground.

The following curious advertisement appeared in the *Times*.—"*To Independent Gentlemen.*—Wanted, by a respectable modest young man, who can produce a cubic yard of testimonials, a Living without a Master—that is, he wishes to become a companion to some gentleman, and be his factotum. He can ride, shoot, sing, fish (but never better than his patron, without he is wanted,) keep accounts, see that servants do their duty, do twenty other things equally necessary, in this life, and make it his whole duty to please and be pleased."

At the Zoological Gardens, the company round the elephant's enclosure were favoured with a specimen of the huge animal's epicurean propensities, which created some astonishment and not a little laughter. The trust and cakes being but scantily dealt out to *Monsieur Dick*, or *Chunee*, he made a longer appeal to the amateur purveyors by passing his trunk over the railings; but this not proving any the more successful, he (from *depit* no doubt) deliberately removed a whole hat from a gentleman's head, folded it into the shape of an opera *chapeau*, and, having introduced the morceau *exquis* into his capacious throat, bolted it, if not with relish, certainly with a *sang froid* which the serious face of the loser could not disturb.

One of those extraordinary vegetable curiosities, the Mandrake, was this week dug up in the neighbourhood of Weston. Though the extremities of the legs had been cut off, the root weighed 10lbs. There was a slight twist or malformation in one of the thighs, but, in other respects, the resemblance in form, limb, and features to the human frame was surprisingly perfect.—*Bath Herald.*

Duke Charles of Brunswick accompanied Mrs. Graham in a Balloon excursion on the 23d Aug. When it descended, the Duke jumped suddenly out of the car. The loss of his weight caused it to ascend, tearing away the grappling iron which caught again on a bank, and caused a jerk which threw Mrs. Graham out at the height of several feet. She was severely injured by the shock, but had no bones broken—and soon after became the mother of a lifeless child. The balloon disappeared with the Duke's coat, hat and telescope, but it was afterwards recovered in a sheltered state.

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List of Insolvents

Who have applied for the benefit of the several Acts of Insolvency, and who will be heard, at the County Court-house, on Wednesday the 19th day of October, inst.

Eugene Murphy, Accountant, 66 Walnut street.
Joseph B. Daniels, Goldsmith, Philadelphia county.
Samuel Merola, Laborer, Blockley township.
Alexander Webb, Laborer, Catharine st. Southwark.
James Cehaley, Fisherman, Mead Alley, Southwark.
William Edwards, Gentleman, late tavern keeper, No. 46 south Eighth street below Chestnut street.
John McMichael, reed maker, corner of Eleventh and Morris street.
William McMichael, Shoemaker, Shippen street near Thirteenth street.
Samuel Cappell, Shoemaker, back of No. 405 Race st.
James Green, Laborer, St. Mary street, city.
John D. Smith, Cordwainer, Philadelphia county.
Zadock Lewis, Porter, Southwark.
John Daniels, House Carpenter, Moyamensing.
Horatio Simpson, Tailor, Vine above Eleventh street Penn Township.
Francis McGuire, Laborer, Philadelphia county.
Richard Lukens, Porter, Southwark.
Thomas Smith, Laborer, Moyamensing.
Hiram Brown, Mariner, Maiden st. East Kensington.
Thomas Spencer, Laborer, Southwark.
Thomas Copeland, Cordwainer, Marks Lane, between Eleventh and Twelfth and Race and Cherry sts.
John Kennedy, Laborer, Southwark.
Richard D. Jones, Tobacconist, English, above Spring Garden street.
John Woolverton, Painter and Glazier, St. John street, above Poplar Lane, Northern Liberties.
William T. Simmons, Clerk, Lewis street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, from Schuylkill.
Edward Ford, Cordwainer, Twelfth, above South st.
John Sampson, Laborer, Frankford, Bristol township.
Samuel B. E. Williamson, Brass Founder, city.
Lewis Griffith, House Carpenter, 11th above Race st.
Abel W. Brewster, Chair Maker, Third st. N. L.
William W. Wheeler, Saddler, Dock below 2nd st.
Moses H. Cooper, Tinman, Front above Master st.
Charles Hammer, Comb-maker, Sixth street and Poplar Lane, N. L.
Samuel Elkin, Cordwainer, Steward street, Queen street, district of Moyamensing.
William Eddleman, Farmer, Germantown.
David L. Davis, Cabinet-maker, Kryder's court, below Almond street, Southwark.
Lewis Bennett, Ship Painter, Beach st. Kensington.
Robert Gaylor, agent for the rail road cars, Hughs' court, Moyamensing Road, Southwark.
James Beloch, late Baker, Vine street, between Seventh and Eighth from Schuylkill.
Thomas A. Rowe, Cordwainer, McDuffee's st. between Schuylkill 2nd and 3d and Lombard and South streets.
John Perkupine, Trader, Budd above Coates st. N. L.
Zadock Thomas Hatter, Blockley Township.
Morehouse Abbott, Ship Carpenter, back of Beach street, above the Market, Kensington.
Valentine Miell, Cordwainer, Rye street below Washington, Southwark.
Richard Williamson, Waterman, Manayunk.
John Holloway, Trader, Broad below South st.
Thomas Mansfield, Paper Hanger, Philada. county.
William P. Long, Painter and Glazier, city.
Harris Potter, File Cutter, Philadelphia county.
William Simpson, Comb-maker, Seventh near Coates street, Spring Garden.
Hiram Hughlett, Hatter, Lombard below Second st.
Samuel M. Reeve, Cordwainer, city.
William Martin, Tailor, Byberry Township.
John H. Smith, Cordwainer, Philadelphia.
Abanthar Field, Trader, Philadelphia.
William Yeates, Tin Plate Worker, Philada. county.
George F. Harmon, Silver Plater, Philada. county.
John Stewart, Stone Cutter, Francisville, F. Township.
William K. Prettyman, Tobacconist, late of the firm of Thurston & Prettyman, No. 235 S. Second st.
Edward Corey, House Carpenter, Philadelphia county.
David Supplee, late Grocer, Philadelphia county.
George W. Smith, Cordwainer, Philada. county.
Jeffrey Letchford, Lock Smith, Philadelphia county.
Charles Zandt, late boarding house keeper, No. 164 south Front street.
John W. Eastwick, Plasterer, Second below Wharton street, Southwark.
George Bayard, Tinman, Philadelphia county.
Eber Graham, Cordwainer, Philadelphia county.
Jonathan Jones, Silver Smith, Philadelphia county.
George Fowler, Painter and Glazier, Philada. county.
Benjamin White, Laborer, Shippen above Broad st.
Joseph Lutz, House Carpenter, Schuylkill Eighth above Callowhill street.
Christopher Blounts, Watchman, Fairmount and Hamilton street.
James McQuaid, Blacksmith, Fairmount near William street.
John Nevil, late Butcher, No. 166 Pine street.
Thomas Ball, Laborer, second door above Thirteenth in Race street, on the south side.
Caleb A. Ora, Cordwainer, No. 3 Zane street.
Benjamin White, Laborer, Shippen above Broad st.
Charles Bostick, Cook, Sixth and Elizabeth streets.
George P. Clifton, Carpenter, Tenth and Prune sts.
John Peters, Barber, Sixth street near Moyamensing.
Thomas Stockley, Shoemaker, Thirteenth near Vine street, city.
George Nunemiller, corner of Callowhill and Schuylkill Second streets.
Lewis Obeton, Piano-maker, Richmond, Kensington.
Andrew Keafer, Piano-maker, 68 Chester street.
John S. Plumly, late Dealer, Kensington.
Peter Hunsicker, Cordwainer, Sixth north Second street.
Isaac Haughman, Laborer, N. Liberties.
Charles Miller, Laborer, N. Liberties.
William B. Jones, Laborer, N. Liberties.
William Wrain, House Carpenter, N. Liberties.
Calvin W. Withey, Tobacconist, Philada. county.
William Bruton, Saddler, Philadelphia county.
Anthony Brown, Cordwainer, Philada. county.
John Pigot, House Carpenter, 131 S. Wharton street.
Francis McArdle, Weaver, 13th below Shippen st.
Samuel C. Davis, Chair Painter, Harmony Court.
William Paul, Cordwainer, Philadelphia.
David Spence, Laborer, Boswell street.
L. C. Townsend, Laborer, Philadelphia county.
Morris Starr, Laborer, Philadelphia county.
Samuel Moult jr., House Carpenter, Apple street, below Poplar Lane.
Isaac F. Van Dyk, late Rule-maker, Brown's court, Philadelphia county.
Moses McMinn, Band Box manufacturer, 96 N. 7th st.
William L. Smith, Accountant, Arch st. near 3d.
Arthur Linvill, Turner, 10th above Callowhill st.
Frederick Kent, Button-maker, Coates above Front street.
Benjamin Welch, Laborer, 4 Poplar court.
Edward Collins, Cordwainer, corner Fifth and Wood street.
Benjamin C. Gregg, Tin Plate worker, corner Fourth and Vine street.
Enoch Green, Engineer, Stafford street, county.
Edward Schrener, Accountant, Wood street.
Jacob Ash, Carter, Old York road.
Samuel Jeffries, Victualler, 5th street above Green.
Benjamin H. Brown, Hatter, Falls Schuylkill.
George C. Hand, late Merchant, 9 La Grange Place.
James Mumford, Cabinet-maker, 171 S. above Race.
Jacob Whiteman, late Innkeeper, 131 north 5th st.
Solomon Fotebaugh, Tobacconist, 6th st. above Race.
Thomas W. Clyde, Laborer, Germantown road above Master street.
James S. Rusar, Bricklayer, 10th below Spring Garden street.
Addison Moore, Brush-maker, 73 Lawrence street.
Joseph Cress, Looking Glass Frame-maker, Nectarine street, between 10th and 11th.
James S. Kimball, Saddler, 29 Jones alley.
Edmund B. Hollingsworth, Machine-maker, old West Chester road.
James C. Steel, late Tailor, Library street.
James D. B. Burden, Saddler, Callowhill above 8th st.
Michael O. Connell, Laborer, 1 Taylor's alley.
Thomas Highgate, late Oyster cellar keeper, 6 Branch street.
Edward Ewing, Accountant, No. 16 Market st.
Stephen Garick, No. 89 Race street.
William Garland, Merchant, 205 Market street.
Charles Kain, House Carpenter, Parker st. Southwark.
George Harkins, Laborer, Marmorie late, between 3d and 4th streets.
Lewis Kronhheur, late Druggist, 217 Market street, Frankford.
Chauncey Hoffman, debtor's apartment, Moyamensing.
William J. Fallon, Ship Carpenter, Philadelphia.
Maurice Herrz, Gentleman, 208 Walnut street.
Joseph Hoy, Trader, Coates street, near 7th.
Sewell Gibson, late Oysterman, Hamilton Village.
Jonas P. Fairlamb, late Engineer, Strawberry alley.
James V. Colin, Merchant Tailor, 41 South street.
James Brinton, Laborer, Small st. Moyamensing.
John Clinton, late Dry Goods store keeper, No. 3 Fayette street.
Michael Eagan, Porter, Front above Market street.
Manley J. Littleboy, jr. late Commission Merchant, No. 171 north 4th street.
John G. Jackson, late Merchant, city of Philadelphia, now near Manayunk.
William D. Binder, Lock smith, No. 103 Cherry st.
Seneca Yapp, Waterman, 4 West's court, Philada. co.
David Coryell, Cordwainer, Strawberry street.
George W. Dare, Button-maker, Noble above Old York road.
William Ayres, Cordwainer, Union above Front st.
Samuel Vaughan, Ship Carpenter, corner of Shackamaxon and Queen streets, Kensington.
Robert Kerr, Laborer, Bedford st. above 11th st. co.
George W. Yates, Printer, 9th above Market street.
Robert Gillit, House Carpenter, 129 Prune street.
Robert Dunk, Weaver, Manayunk, Philada. county.
Francis Smith, Brass Founder, 430 Market street.
David L. Mayo, Accountant, Walnut above Schuylkill 8th street.
John Edgar, late Store-keeper, 5th below Chestnut st.
William S. Winfield, Cordwainer, Philadelphia.
William H. Corden, House Carpenter, Philada. co.
Joseph Oliver, House Carpenter, Philadelphia co.
Ebenezer Chase, Cordwainer, Philadelphia county.
Joseph Bowen, Trader, Philadelphia.
Henry A. Harder, Book Binder, Philada. county.
John F. Belserling, Comb-maker, Philada. county.
John Hopkins, Gentleman, Philadelphia.
Aurelius Charles Spring, Machinist, 13th near Vine st.
Robert G. Warren, late Commission Merchant, Schuylkill 7th, between Chestnut and Market sts.
Cornelius Baker, Comb-maker, 37 Apple street.
Joseph Stewart, Laborer, Philadelphia county.
Samuel M. Cooper, Hardware Merchant, Front street above Callowhill.
Peter Wheelan, Gentleman, No— Chestnut street.
Samuel Fleckenstein, Philadelphia county.
Peter Brunett, Laborer, Mary street.
J. Lockhart, late Merchant, 60 south Eleventh street.
Henry Peters, Cordwainer, south Third, between Shippen and South streets.
Adonijah Crooks, Painter, Brown street near Front, Northern Liberties.
Henry Jacoby, Tobacconist, Coates street near Sixth, Northern Liberties.
Alexander Rankin, Cordwainer, Laurel street near Bodd, Northern Liberties.
James Conroy, Weaver, Seventh st. near Fairwater.
John Erdel, Laborer, corner of St. John and Willow streets, Northern Liberties.
Abraham Leigh, Comb-maker, Third street above Poplar lane, Northern Liberties.
James T. Williams, Laborer, Littleboy's court, city.
David J. Morris, Weaver, Poplar lane near Budd street, Northern Liberties.
Samuel Clotworthy, Dyer, Frankford, Philada. co.
Christopher F. Oelshlager, Baker, debtor's apartment, Philada. county.

PENITENTIARY.

Samuel L. Robinson.
Hewer Bryant.
Benjamin Miller.
William Wilkins.

Stock Auctions.—Another complaint on this subject came before the Police office yesterday, in which a merchant from Alabama was the sufferer to the amount of about $50. As he could not remain in town to prosecute the offenders, it is not expedient to mention the names of either party at present, but it may serve as a caution to others to mention the manner in which it was done. Mr. Sparks was in the habit of going by an auction store in Pearl street where an auction was going on, and was handed a large card about eighteen inches square on which was fastened three or four table knives of a fashionable pattern. Lower down on the card were several good looking penknives, and towards the edges of the card were fastened different parcels of pencil cases, and on the top of each parcel there was a silver pencil case fastened. The card and its contents were set up for so much each article, and after several bids they were knocked down to the merchant from Alabama, at 35 cents each, who was quite delighted at getting such a bargain, as each of the articles, as he he could see, were worth near or nearly double that sum. He accordingly paid for them, and then took them from the card to reckon if they were correct in number, and on looking the penknives, discovered another penknife beneath each of them not worth little more, and as much as the knives on the top. This was however not his only disappointment, for on opening the pencil cases he found that every silvered over, and not worth more than six cents each. The card contained 775 articles for which he paid 35 cents each, amounting in all to $95.25, while the real value or selling price of them was not one half that sum. On discovering the cheat he expostulated with the auctioneer, but could obtain no redress. It appears that besides such deceptions as the one in question, these mock auction stores have several persons in their employ for the purpose of bidding for articles, and by that means inducing others to bid also. They have likewise resource to several other stratagems, to swindle the unwary. There are two notorious houses of this sort in the city, against which criminal proceedings are about to be instituted.—*N. Y. Jour. of Commerce.*

Business for old Hays.—The London Morning Chronicle gives the annexed account of a gentleman felon, who hopes to hide his head and roguseries in this country. We hope he will be disappointed.

The Lord Mayor, about a fortnight ago, granted a warrant against a merchant named Lewis Augustus Bennett, who had been engaged in several heavy speculations, for having committed forgery by obtaining the dates of bills of lading of 1835 by which he succeeded in defrauding many capitalists of large sums of money. The warrant was put into the hands of Roe, the officer, upon the recommendation of the Lord Mayor: but the forgeries, extensive and numerous as they were, were not detected until the delinquent had not only left London, but the kingdom,—arrived from London a week before the officer had received the warrant, in the name of Brown, with his brother, and from which he sailed for America on the following Monday. It appears that he had with great ingenuity committed forgeries in policies of insurance, and in other securities, not one of which had been even suspected to be other than genuine until he was on his way to America. It is believed that he succeeded to the amount of between 40,000 and £50,000, and that he carried away from 15,000 to £30,000. A French commercial house lost between 3,000 and £4,000 by him. Roe's pursuit ended at Liverpool; but measures have, we understand, been taken by the parts who have been the sufferers, to interfere with Bennett's enjoyment of the proceeds of this extensive and ingenious robbery.

A correspondent has furnished us with some particulars of the death of a German emigrant residing near this borough, while under the treatment of a person generally known as the "*Indian Doctor*," which demands some notice. His death created considerable excitement among his friends, who gathered at different places in our town and appeared, by the expressions of their countenances, to be laboring under feelings of strong prepidation. The individual referred to labored under severe rheumatic affections, and the doctor prescribed that he should be laid on a bed and a bushel of roasted oats applied to him for the purpose of raising perspiration, with directoets to renew the heat repeatedly,—to continue in the oats bath from one o'clock in the morning until seven in the evening, and leaving for drink some wine and sassafras. About four o'clock while under this treatment, he died and we intermed, on Saturday morning, in the Lutheran burying ground, followed by a number of his brethren who have left their Fatherland to seek an asylum among strangers.—*Hanover, (Penn) Gaz.*

Horrid Murder.—We received yesterday morning, from a gentleman in pursuit of the fugitives, the following particulars of perhaps one of the most horrid murders ever perpetrated.—Two farmers from the neighborhood of Wooster, Ohio, on their passage to Bucyrus, Crawford county, for the purpose of entering land, were overtaken on the way by ——— Powers and Joseph Jenkins, with whom they rode in company. After travelling some distance, the whole four left the stage, and proceeded on their journey on foot. Before they had travelled far, the latter two learned the motives of the former for visiting Bucyrus, and presumed they had a quantity of money in their possession, of which they determined to rob them. They accordingly, when about six miles from Bucyrus suffered the farmers to get in front, when one of them was shot down and the other attacked with a club, and beaten until thought dead. The murderers then attempted to rifle the pockets of their victims, but some one appearing in sight, they fled, and left the bodies in the public road. The circumstances under which the above murder was perpetrated—the time and place (about 2 o'clock, P. M. on the public highway)—render it one of the most revolting on the annals of crime, and call loudly for justice on the heads of the offenders. They were traced as far as Wheeling, and have been pursued down the river.—*Wheeling Gazette.*

Accident.—A man had both his feet cut off by the Patterson rail-road cars. He attempted to jump from a car and fell. This dangerous custom of jumping from the cars has been sufficiently deprecated.

The Presidential election is near at hand, and in about forty days at farthest the people will have chosen their electors, on whom will devolve the voice of President and Vice President, for the term of four years from the 4th of March next. The electors are requested to assemble in their respective state capitols on the 7th day of December. The following table shows the number of votes to which each state is entitled and the period when the electors must be chosen:

States.	No. of voters.	When held.
Maine,	10	November 7
New Hampshire,	7	do. 7
Massachusetts,	14	do. 14
Rhode Island,	4	do. 23
Connecticut,	8	do. 7
Vermont,	7	do. 15
New York,	42	do. 7
New Jersey,	8	do. 4
Pennsylvania,	30	do. 4
Delaware,	3	do. 7
Maryland,	10	do. 14
Virginia,	23	do. 14
North Carolina,	15	do. 15
South Carolina,	11	
Georgia,	11	do. 17
Kentucky,	15	do. 17
Tennessee,	15	do. 17
Ohio,	21	do. 7
Indiana,	9	do. 7
Mississippi,	4	do. 7
Illinois,	5	do. 7
Alabama,	8	do. 14
Missouri,	4	do. 7
Louisiana,	5	do. 6
Michigan,	3	
Arkansas,	3	
Total,	294	

All the States choose by general ticket, except South Carolina, which chooses by the Legislature. It will be seen that Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio open the poll three days in advance of any of the other States.

American Coin. The whole coinage of the United States, from 1796 to the present time, amounts to about $21,000,000 in gold, $43,133,622 in silver, and 78,944,513 cents and half cents. The new coinage of the eagle dollar, as well as the gold eagle, will probably be in circulation by the 3d of March next. Within the past seven and a half years, 3,092,112 quarter dollar pieces have been coined, 6,383,830 dimes, and 10,987,700 half dimes. "Government have it in contemplation," says the Globe, "to issue these new coins, to take the place of the cent, which is too bulky and unsightly for such a use. There are to be made of a mixture of silver and copper; the half cent, will be of the size of the silver half dime; the cent piece will be of the size of the ten cent; and the two and a half cent piece will be of the size of a quarter dollar."

Paupers.—We learn from a New York paper, that no less than two hundred and thirty paupers have been shipped off from New York to the different states, parishes and townships to which they belong. The guardians of the poor in that city wisely resolving not to be burdened with their winter's maintenance. We name this fact for the consideration of, and hope it will serve as an example to our own Commissioners of the Almshouse, which even now contains, as we are now informed, near two thousand paupers. It would be a query, not we will venture to say, easily answered, as to how many of the many of this number are entitled to admission; not we believe even one half.—*Ledger.*

Forgery.—On Monday of last week, a person calling himself Thomas Fowler presented at the Auburn Bank for $2,000, which was detected at once as a forgery. He was immediately taken into custody and lodged in prison. The name, it seems, was assumed, and it has been since ascertained that a resident of Onondaga county, who has hitherto borne a good character, and whose connexions are highly respectable. His friends, it is said, intend to interpose a plea of *insanity*. It is probably the most judicious course under the present circumstances. This plea of insanity has become mighty "available" of late, and when a villain is driven into his last corner, it has too often saved him from the punishment he deserves.—*N. Y. Courier.*

Western Curiosities.—An Ohio paper advertises for exhibition a calf with two heads, six legs, and tails on the shoulders, four of the legs, one head at each end of the body; two fore legs regularly to each front, and two hind legs in the centre of its body, between which there are three tails—two of the usual length, and one much shorter, resembling little dogs, having only two legs, and those at the hind part of its body, on which it will stand erect. A colt with two heads, eight legs, two tails, four ears, and only one head. Also, another pig, of a most curious formation. A chicken, with claws like those of the Cheetah, or hunting leopard, *with four legs. A kitten with double head, two bodies, eight legs, and two tails. A snake with two heads, &c.—Post.*

The ludicrous effect produced on a body of armed Mexicans who beheld for the first time the movements of a steam boat, is thus described by one of their officers:

At the time of the Texian campaign, General Gonas, from the interior province of Guanajuato, while on the banks of the Brasses with his troops, ordered seven of his men, who could swim, to go into the water, and *stop a steamboat*, filled with Texian troops, which was approaching at the rate of ten or twelve miles an hour! But as she came roaring on, sending forth columns of smoke, with her sides barricaded with cotton bales, not only did the selected seven retreat, but there were eight hundred more who stood appalled at the "serpent of fire," as they thought her. When opposite the valiant army, the engineer let off a terrific blast of steam, and the cavalry wheeled and fled. The infantry broke their line, dropped their muskets, and followed in the retreat, and the steamboat was miles away before the soldiery could be rallied to fire a gun. Indeed it was with the utmost difficulty they could be prevailed upon to approach the banks of the river at all, and when they did so it was with fear and trembling.

Bishop Heber.—A splendid monument in memory of Bishop Heber has been erected, by public subscription, in the south-eastern aisle of St. Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop is represented in kneeling position, with his left hand resting on the Bible, and the right hand applied to his breast. On the pedestal is a representation of the Bishop confirming two Indians. The monument, which is of very fine marble, was executed by Chantry, and cost £13,000.—*English Paper.*

If departed spirits are capable of surveying the conduct of men, we fear that the spirit of the pious Heber will not be a little disquicted at beholding this monument of folly. That $57,720 should be expended for the purpose of inscribing upon marble the name of a good man is certainly unchristian. $57,000 expended on the cenotaph of a Christian missionary, while still,

"The heathen in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone."—*Christian Watchman.*

The Kentucky Horse Rodolph, which was to run the great race at Mobile with the pride of Tennessee, Arkansas, September 20th, is thus graphically described in the Louisville City Gazette:

But the way he walked was a caution. He scarcely seemed to touch the ground, but spurned it with his light load, gracefully and courtly enough for the Brussels or Turkey carpet of the President's levee rooms. Men gathered around in wonder. So beautiful a specimen of nature's art has rarely met their eyes. His bright glossy bay sides glancing in the sun's rays, like the polished plates of an armed warbark; and his proud, elastic step betokened blood and confidence. He seemed full of spirit and determination; and if he is not the racer we have described, appearances are most treacherous. It was Rodolph! and if any of our citizens who do not often visit the race field, desire the most splendid specimen of the Horse Kentucky has produced, let them visit Mr. Burbridge's stable. It must be confessed, that yesterday he was a much greater "*lion*," than the President.

Return of the expedition sent after the missing Whaleman.—The ship Cove commanded by Capt. Ross, which was sent out in search of the missing whaleman, has returned without having effected the object. A letter from one of her officers says:

"Our cruise has not terminated in the result which we anticipated on leaving England. We have not been able to ascertain the fate of the remaining ship, and I am afraid there are but few hopes to be entertained of her existence.—Davis' straits and Baffin's bay were full of ice when we left, and no appearance of a break up; a worse season has scarcely ever been seen.—Our passage out was very severe. We examined along the edge of the ice as far as possible, till we arrived at an impenetrable barrier—touching at two or three Danish settlements on the coast of Greenland; after which we returned along the ice, to the Labrador coast, to see if we might be down there. We at last found a missionary's settlement on the Labrador coast, called Akkak, and have had a most beautiful passage across, being only three weeks to morrow since we left it, while we were as many months about in going out. We have done all that our means would allow, in one vessel. The admiralty promised to send other ships out, which did not arrive, so our cruise was at an end. We left all the whale fleet of 60 ships, on the 3d of July, in 74 north latitude, not able to proceed for the ice, and no fish; very bad prospects, but towards the end of the season it may turn out more favorable.

Copy of a letter to the Editors of the National Intelligencer, dated

NATCHITOCHES, (La.) Aug. 29, 1836.

Messrs. Editors: Believing that every thing new or true concerning Texas is of great interest at this crisis in its history, I devote a little leisure in placing at your disposal a sketch of some of the "first impressions" of a short tour into that country, from which I have but just returned. But, in truth, I sit down to give you my last impressions, for they are the most vivid; and the subject being the relations of our Government with Mexico, (for it must be so written until Texas become an acknowledged Power,) will demand attention for its intrinsic importance.

As to the domestic affairs of Texas, I shall, then, at present, merely touch upon some of the prominent points. It has no Government, in the modern acceptation of that term; all its pretensions to one are founded on the hasty decrees of a Convention—the remnants of the Mexican municipal laws of *customs*, and some symptoms of military subordination. When the revolutionary state of the times, and the *transient* nature of the population, are considered, it will be conceived that on such foundations the structures totter under unskilled and uncertain hands. The simple truth is, the whole country is under martial law; induced often from a spirit of patriotic devotion, unresisted from habit or weakness.

The Texians must not be blamed for all this; the only wonder is that they have done so well. All have read their new "Constitution," (if they were justifiable in so calling it,) and comment without a sanction. The 5th of December decides its fate: and on that day, the President, Senators, and Representatives are elected; and, by the law of necessity, conformably to this Constitution, which may then be rejected.—And that eventful day will bear the voice of the People pronounce their national destiny; whether to be a unit in the grand Confederacy, or an independent sovreignty, which she may well become with millions of citizen supporters.

General Houston will be elected President, and a majority of the People, I predict, will declare for the star-spangled banner.

Texas is said to be millions in debt; her climate and soil are her only wealth. If the struggle be protracted by Mexico (even for a year) and Texas receive not the national *credit*, which an acknowledgment of its independent existence by the United States would give her, the final result, the civil commotions of Mexico out of the question, must yet be considered very doubtful. And this brings me to the subject with which my mind was occupied when I sat down to write; the military interposition of the United States.

On my return through Texas, an accident detained me a number of days at Nacogdoches, seventy miles west of the Sabine, the U. States boundary. There I found encamped two regiments of our Army; dragons and infantry, and felt myself fortunate to be in company with a friend, a wanderer like myself from the far north. To him I am indebted for most of the *particulars* that follow.

General Gaines, retiring in January last, from Florida, * * * * * hurried to this frontier. * * * * * A regiment was first ordered from the south to constitute a nucleus of his "army of observation." On hearing a report in April of a rapid invasion of Texas, and a panic among the women, he marched his forces to the banks of the Sabine, and made a call upon the Governors of many States for volunteers, requiring one in six or eight thousand men. By the time these draughts were mustered into service, the rumors on which this most important step was founded proved to be in a great measure false. The volunteers were dismissed, the service, but in the mean time large supplies for their use and consumption had been purchased and transported many hundreds of miles by water and land. To state one article: there are now at Camp Sabine 136,000 barrels of corn, (see his published letter to Gov. Carroll, "corn for 3000 horses for six months.") This is said to be all rotten.

The President of Mexico being captured and his army destroyed at the memorable battle of San Jacinto, and Texas entirely free from invaders, a stray captain or two, called "commissioners," prisoners at Metamoras, Mexico, wrote a letter bidding the Texians to prepare for another immediate invasion; at the same time they published reports of Indian hordes, who were *raised* by the interested. Fired by this rumor of war only 800 miles beyond our frontier, and the Indian stories, our venerable general again called upon the Governors for many more regiments of volunteers; and, not yet tired of and parade the public attention to himself on the right side of the Sabine; the Rubicon of national honor; passes it obscurely with the garrison of Fort Gibson.

This garrison, the most exposed of our outposts, the centre of all the emigrating tribes, the immediate region where the sullen and blood-stained Seminoles are collecting, is now reduced with a nominal garrison, the Governor of Arkansas was called upon to send 1000 men to reinforce Fort Towson, on Red river, in the midst of the Choctaws, who are in a state of war, if *never* scalped a white man, and who had recently volunteered to fight for the U. States against her enemies, whoever they might be.

Of the other probable causes of this permanent military occupation, such as the *reported* disaffected state of a number of tribes, or fragments of tribes, of Texian Indians, and some that once lived on the United States territory. The intelligence from Texas, rejoicing at the countenance of our troops to their cause, and perhaps pleased with their expenditures, are highly interested in their presence, and, with great *policy*, raise or spread rumors and reports of these threatened attacks, &c. being aware, perhaps, that such rumors, coming from the Government, would be seriously listened to in the proper quarter, and promote their views, to wit: That these scattered bands of Indians, set out by Mexicans, not one of whom now treads the soil of Texas, constituted the formidable armies of Gonzales, Rodoches, in the presence of two regiments of regulars, their protectors! the *same* Indians who, before their arrival, when Santa Anna flushed with victory, penetrated the heart of Texas, and massacred the citizens of Goliad, present were panic stricken, remained quiet as lambs!

These details may not prove so interesting as circumstances made them to me. Suffice it, that our army has laid down its arms, and remained in this war; that now, while all is peace in Texas, and they are engaged organizing a civil Government, our troops have been stationed more than a month amongst them, and their winter quarters are being prepared, as I learn, at Fort Gibson, where their presence is so much needed; that General Gaines is embodying on the frontier large bodies of militia, who, he tells Governor Carroll, (see his published letter,) "may calculate on a *comfortable* as well as *profitable* tour of service," and, having learned their tactics, "would then, when added to the regular *forces, under any probable change of circumstances*, afford complete protection."

* If the Constitution, which was hastily framed, almost in the presence of the enemy, *be* rejected, the Congress will meet with powers to amend it.

LOWER CANADA—THE CRISIS.

We are in possession of the Quebec papers of Saturday, and Montreal on Monday. The House of Assembly, after an extended and exciting debate, has adopted an answer to the king's reply to the address of last session, which brings the difficulties between the popular and conservative branches of the government to a crisis. The address does not allow the minister's assumption, that their proceedings, in the last session, arose from misapprehension, but persist in all former demands, and in the resolution to withhold all supplies, and to cease the exercise of all legislative functions, until these demands are granted. Among these demands are some to which the parent government can never assent—at least not until the constitution of that government shall have und

Philadelphia Prices Current.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14,

[illegible] by the Saturday Evening Post, from Eli Bonsall's Price Current Office, Counter Sts. Director, and Prices Current.

Beef, [illegible]	$ 12	$ 20
do. Philada.	[illegible]	29
do. Steam	[illegible]	28
Tallow	15	[illegible]
Pork, No.	[illegible]	15
[illegible]		
Flour, [illegible]	7 00	8 00
Rye, Jersey, free	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn, [illegible]	3 12	3 25
Meal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wheat, [illegible]	1 12	1 18
Rye	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn, [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cloverseed, Am. from	[illegible]	[illegible]
do. [illegible]	[illegible]	00
do. Dutch	4 50	4 62
Whisk. gal.	[illegible]	35
Sperm. winter	1 00	1 05
do. summer	[illegible]	95
PLASTER PARIS.		
In Delaware	[illegible]	[illegible]
In Schuylkill	3 00	3 25
SEEDS.		
Clover, lock	5 50	6 00
Flaxseed, rough	70	1 75
do. clean cash	[illegible]	[illegible]
Timothy, bbl.	3 25	3 25
Herds. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Orchard grass	3 00	[illegible]
WHISKEY.		
Rye in bbls.	41	42
do. in hhds.	39	39½
Rye in wagons	38	38½
WOOL.		
Prime Saxony fleece	[illegible]	[illegible]
do. [illegible]	1 00	1 05
Am. wash. fal bfd.	66	72½
do. blood	58	55
do. [illegible]	45	50
do. and cross	45	45
Am. unwash fal bfd.	50	[illegible]
do. blood	57	58
do. [illegible]	50	57
do. and cross	35	38
Tenn. washed hmbs.	38	38
do. unwashed	28	30
Pa. [illegible]	55	60
do. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
do. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern	27	30
do. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1835 lbs.	13	16
CANDLES.		
Mould	45	47
do. N. York	47	50
do. Philada.	49	50
do. Steam	51	52
Tallow	62	63
Porto Rico	60	62
Esq. French fal.	34	36
Hay & Hemp	37	41
MACKEREL.		
No. 1, bbl.	9 25	9 50
No. 2	8 25	8 50
No. 3	5 25	5 25
Oil.		
Linseed, Am. from		
store	90	90
do. Dutch	1 04	1 05
Whale, gal.	50	55
Sperm, winter	1 00	1 05
do. summer	90	95
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GIBSON'S SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA.

Saturday, October 15, 1836.

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Elections.—The annual elections throughout Pennsylvania, took place on Tuesday last. In this city the Whigs have carried their ticket by large majorities, and have also succeeded in electing their County Commissioner, Coroner and Auditor.

Death of the Hon. R. H. Goldsborough.—Mr. Goldsborough, one of the representatives of Maryland in the Senate of the U. States, died at his residence near Easton, Md. on the 5th inst. He was a conscientious and upright statesman, and once represented his State in the National Cabinet, besides filling many other posts of honor with credit to himself.

Mr. Gaines has published a letter to the Hon. J. Tennison, rebuking the President for sending his requisition for a regiment of 1000 men. The General says that on the eve of hostilities between Mexico and Texas, a force of 7000 men will be necessary to defend the inhabitants of the territory in dispute between the United States and Mexico, and that his force is but 1600.

The last foreign arrivals at New York bring us papers down to the 10th ult. In Paris the Cabinet had been formed, bringing into office Molé at the head of affairs, and wished her every offshoot drew in which was the worthy funeral obsequies of human practise, that

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[illegible] *or Scrap Book.*—Messrs. Carey, Lea [illegible] nchard have just published a very ele- [illegible] nual, of quarto size, under the above [illegible] comprising sixteen beautiful engravings, [illegible] rational and other illustrations. It is the [illegible] ently and superb publication of the kind [illegible] ver issued from the press in this coun- [illegible]

[illegible] *orials of Mrs. Hemans,"*—From the [illegible] of Messrs. Carey, Lea & Blanchard, have [illegible] peared. They are edited by Henry F. [illegible] , and comprise a literary biography of [illegible] emans, interspersed with many of her [illegible] ter friends. It is quite an interesting [illegible] and must prove very acceptable to the [illegible] s of that lady.

It is infinitely humiliating to reflect that the chair of the Chief Magistrate of these States,—instead of being in reserve as the highest and last reward for distinguished public services—has been suffered to become a bone of contention—the object of bargain and intrigue—among the descendants—degenerate, we had almost styled them—of the virtuous fathers of the Republic. Have we already arrived—in the space of little more than half a century—at that critical stage in the history of nations, at which the national mind is supposed to enter upon its career of inevitable retrogression? Have the political institutions of this country indeed past through those successive periods of bloom and maturity, which, in the progress of the fine arts, a learned German conceives to be followed, always, by rapid and irresistable decay? The theory of Schlegel—borne out by the illustrious and hardly less melancholy annals of the human mind—applies, perhaps, with no less truth and relevancy to the political than to the literary history of nations. Better that the voice of a thousand years should have responded to the foregoing questions in the affirmative, and that the doom which extinguished forever the political and military glory of the free states of antiquity, should at this moment impend over those of the American Union, than that the novel and disgraceful spectacle of a young nation—the cradle of whose liberty has hardly yet ceased to rock—anticipating, as it would seem, the period of its downfall—contending (not in the better sense of that word) for honors which its genius alone should hope to win, and its virtues to wear—mistaking the petty triumphs of a moment, for the lasting renown of "bright improvement"—false, in short, to the trust bequeathed to it by its pious founders—better, we repeat, that these States should become extinct, than such a spectacle be exhibited to that world whose eyes are at this moment fixt upon the progress of our free institutions, watching to see if the political problem upon which so much speculation has been lavished—whether, in the history of governments, the representative system, as pervading a given extent of territory, and embracing a proportionate population, be at all feasible—be indeed destined to be realised

"In climes of Washington and Bolivar."

The preceptor of Alexander has been censured for lending the authority of his name for the belief, that, in a free State the numbers requisite at once for deliberation and defence, can never be adjusted—that the greater number would render legislation impracticable, and the lesser prove inadequate to repel invasion, or achieve conquest. The present aspect of affairs in this country, would, however, seem to give countenance to the idea. That the national councils of Washington are distracted and diverted from all constitutional ends, by the inevitably conflicting interests arising out of diverging points in the geography of the country, has in the course of the last few years been made abundantly manifest—and in more instances than one. What at this moment is the spectacle exhibited? One that might well summon the blush to our cheeks. The chief functionary of the government, careless of the station to which in an evil hour he was elevated—lost to the dignity that belongs to it, and wanting in the virtues that should fill it—attended by partizans and trainbearers, making an electioneering tour through the country, with the known and almost avowed object of promoting the political views of one whom he has selected to succeed him in the office to which he now fills. Those who should be foremost to enlighten by their wisdom, and vindicate by their valor, the councils and character of their young and interesting country, have, on the contrary, shadowed its escutcheon by a cold ingratitude, and stained it by acts little short of deliberate treason to its honor and best interests. A selfish and unholy ambition—if by that honorable name we may designate the partisan zeal of crafty men—presides over the councils of the country, pervading the whole body politic, which, thus tainted at its core—undermined by a host of corrupt and false hearted sentiments—threatens sooner or later to fall upon their heads, and bury them beneath its indignant ruins.

"*Hear both Parties,*" is a safe maxim, and we accordingly give in our paper of to-day, a letter relative to the affairs of Texas, recently addressed to the editors of the National Intelligencer, in which it will seen that the writer takes a far more favorable, and we are inclined to think just, view of the present condition of that interesting country, than did the Messrs. Wilson and Postlethwait, in their late publication upon the subject.

In Maryland the conduct of the nineteen Van Buren minority Electors have destroyed the party there, and given an ascendancy to the Whig cause.

THEATRICALS.

Finn concluded a very successful and of course profitable engagement at the Walnut street house on Monday last. If that gentleman never said a foolish thing, he certainly did not do a very wise one, in playing *Richard* the night previous to his benefit. He seemed to go purposely out of his line in order to burlesque a fine tragedy—a thing he would not have been permitted to do in London, and one that was creditable neither to his good sense nor good taste. It was one of the most solemn farces we ever witnessed; that is, the little we seen of it, which was quite enough; and yet the pit applauded him. When audiences sanction such absurdities, they will always find actors ready enough to get them up.

In the Ternans, who have succeeded him, we have two admirable and most efficient representatives of the heroes and heroines of the tragic drama. Mr. Ternan is a most sterling and accomplished performer, and his lady (late the celebrated Miss Jarman) one of the best actresses of the age. Her "Julia" in the "Hunchback," was played on Wednesday night last, in a spirit worthy of the character. The great scene, towards the conclusion of the play, was thrilling and triumphant. Mr. Ternan's "Walter" was all that the part required. Mr. Connor acquitted himself as he is wont to do. He is a young performer of very fine powers, and always manages to interest the audience. Mrs. Willis looked as pretty and played as well as she always does.

At the Chesnut street house, Tyrone Power still continues a *power* of attraction.

From the Montreal Gazette of Sept. 29.

MARIA MONK.

William L. Stone, Esq., editor of the New York Commercial Advertiser, having visited this city a few days ago, the opportunity was taken of inducing that gentleman to visit the interior of the Hotel Dieu Nunnery, with a view of testing the truth of Miss Monk's "Awful Disclosures." We are happy to hear that this task he readily accepted, and in the company of Mrs. Stone, Mr. Frothingham, of this city, and another gentleman and lady, from the United States, made a most minute and careful examination of the whole of that building from the garret to the cellar. He was freely allowed to inspect every room, by the ladies of the institution, and it is with pleasure we state, that he be entered within its walls somewhat inclined to a belief in many of Miss Monk's statements, he now expresses his firm conviction of the utter falsehood of the story which has been promulgated in the name of that abandoned female.—Mr. Stone personally requested the company of the Rev. Mr. Clary, of this city, a correspondent of the bigotted faction in New York, who patronise and support the gentle Maria, but that Reverend gentleman, who has on previous occasions complained that he could not get an entrance into the nunnery, declined, for reasons best known to himself, to take advantage of the opportunity offered him freely.

Very Mysterious.—A Miss Prescott of New York, advertises that she will instruct adult ladies at her Institution, "89 Leonard street, one door west of Broadway," in the most *confidential* manner, but owing to the great number of her pupils, she is obliged to confine herself exclusively to teaching Penmanship and the English Grammar. Her terms are only 18 dollars for eighteen lessons—four a week, in Penmanship, and $10 for 24 *lectures* two a week, on Grammar.

A landlord in Connecticut notifies the "Second Regiment of Horse Artillery," or such of them as decamped without paying for their dinners on muster day, that unless they call and "settle," he shall publish a black list.

The editor of the New York Commercial Advertiser has published a refutation—regarded as full and satisfactory—of the calumnies of the notorious Maria Monk. The editor recently visited the Hotel Dieu Nunnery, at Montreal, where he collected in person all the facts of the case which he has since submitted to the public. His "disclosures" will prove a most effective foil to those of the amiable Miss Maria, and preclude the possibility of her again duping the public.

We have not room to copy Col. Stone's report, or even to give any thing like an extended abstract of it. He however most incontestibly proves that neither Maria Monk nor Frances Patridge (the pretended newly escaped nun) ever saw the interior of the Hotel Dieu Nunnery, and that their accounts of it are all totally false. We copy the concluding words of Col. Stone's report:

"I will therefore now close this protracted narrative, by expressing my deliberate and solemn opinion, founded not only upon my own careful examination, but upon the firmest convictions of nearly the entire population of Montreal—embracing the great body of the most intelligent evangelical Christians, THAT MARIA MONK IS AN ARRANT IMPOSTOR, AND HER BOOK IN ALL ITS ESSENTIAL FEATURES, A TISSUE OF CALUMNIES. However guilty the Catholics may be in other respects, or in other countries, as a man of honor and professor of the Protestant faith, I MOST SOLEMNLY BELIEVE THAT THE PRIESTS AND NUNS ARE INNOCENT IN THIS MATTER."

WILLIAM L. STONE.

New York, October 8, 1836.

The fact is, and we believe we have mentioned it before, Maria Monk was in an Asylum for unfortunate females of a certain description, at Montreal, and a part of her "Disclosures" had reference to that institution,—the rest is but the coinage of her brain, and was just what might have been looked for from a person of her character. It is to be regretted that her cause should have been espoused by portions of our religious communities.

COMMUNICATION.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.

At Mr. Finn's benefit on Monday night last, an admirable entertainment was offered, which passed off with eclat, and the speech Finn made, on being called out, was the most witty effort of the kind, perhaps, ever spoken, and much more than repaid the price of admission. We hope to see him soon again.

The Ternans are drawing full and fashionable houses—and most deservedly. Mr. T. is an admirable actor; and a lady is without an equal.

On Monday night, the Ternans appear in Shakespear's "Winter's Tale," produced expressly for them. The interest of the drama will be increased by Wemyss bringing upon the scene all the gorgeous pageantry of the piece. In such things as these, there is no manager in the country can compare with Mr. W.

We have heard men, from some of the knowing ones, touching this "Nautical Drama," announced on the bills of the American Theatre. The arrangements, it is said, are much more extensive than are usually entered into; and we are assured the performance, in its resemblance to things real, will be as near perfection as it is possible. Wemyss's success in this branch of management is, doubtless, unprecedented. We look for something uncommonly excellent, and know we shall not be disappointed.

Sacrilege and Robbery.—On this morning at an early hour, St. Mary's, Church, Fourth street, was entered by some persons unknown, and several of the sacred vessels of the altar were taken away. The perpetrators of the outrage seem to have entered by one of the back windows, which was found raised; the exterior blind of that and another back window having been previously removed, and a pane of glass broken through which the hand was introduced to withdraw the inner fastening. Several locks were violently forced open, and a diligent search for every thing valuable seems to have been made. A small amount of silver coin was carefully selected from a quantity of copper pennies, which owing to some circumstance the robbers took no farther than the door of the church. Several of the vestments were torn for the purpose of abstracting the gold lace with which they were ornamented.—*Nat. Gaz. Oct 12.*

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The two first prizes of four thousand francs each, belonged of right to Lawrence Queter, a fisherman of Douai, who at fifteen years of age had already saved the lives of twenty-nine persons, and to Louise Renee Menard, a young lady born rich and destined to a life of ease and pleasure; this was her vocation, her hope and her reward. At the age of nineteen, when one is so happy in living for happiness or for the hope of gaining it, she thought only of others, and fed at that time two hundred families. Nicolat Piege received a prize of two thousand francs. This man was by trade a rope dancer, and used the agility he had learned in his profession in striding over burning posts and shaking rafters and running from ridge to ridge, to save men, wherever there were men to be saved. The imprudence of a servant at Alencon had set fire to a house in that city. The unfortunate man persisted in the flames, notwithstanding the efforts of Piege to save him. He as usual, went twice through the burning house, and burnt his own feet, his only instruments for gaining a living, in his efforts. The children of this servant were left without support—and Piege, with his burnt feet, gave a representation the evening before his departure, and devoted the entire proceeds of it to the orphans. "This rope dancer (as Mr. Nodier, the prize distributor, well remarked,) this rope dancer was an excellent citizen."

Types.—An editor wrote that a contemporary had taken a damsel—"for better for worse." The printers have it, by mistake, "for butter and rice."

Second Congressional District.

	Sergeant.	Toland.	Reed.	Longstreth.
Upper Delaware,	305	399	298	297
Lower Delaware,	401	401	224	226
High Street,	319	317	131	134
Chesnut,	251	246	109	109
Walnut,	234	234	66	66
Dock,	351	352	117	116
North Mulberry,	372	378	382	383
South Mulberry,	373	374	248	250
North,	479	479	280	280
Middle,	334	336	199	199
South,	403	401	139	141
Locust,	416	417	291	291
New Market,	333	331	233	234
Pine,	344	346	116	117
Cedar,	408	404	238	236
Total,	5321	5313	3066	3078

ASSEMBLY.

Harrison.		Van Buren.	
Chas. B. Trego,	5250	Wm. Thompson,	3105
Wm. B. Fling,	5249	Wm. V. Pettit,	3114
H. S. Speckman,	5223	Wm. Stephens,	3127
Jos. B. Smith,	5213	Tho. B. Florence,	3111
Jos. McIlvaine,	5243	James H. Horn,	3101
J. W. Tyson,	5247	Wm. Stewart,	3125
Benj. Duncan,	5240	Francis Cooper,	3121

SELECT COUNCIL.

Wm. M. Meredith,	5096	Joseph R. Evans,	3121
Thomas Dunlap,	5108	Evans Rogers,	3119
Cornelius Tiers,	5104	De. G. F. Lehman,	3113
Isaac Elliott,	5097	Thomas Roney,	3201

COMMON COUNCIL.

James Rowland,	5070	Isaac W. Cowright,	3273
B. M. Hinchman,	5037	Thomas Hunt,	3261
Isaac Otis,	5042	A. S. Lippincott,	3265
Alex. M'Causland,	5050	Geo. W. Tryon,	3274
John Thomason,	5023	John Beaver,	3255
Wm. Rawle,	5061	Wm. Camm,	3263
Alex'r. Ferguson,	5077	S. H. Perkins,	3265
Jos. T. Maither,	5076	C. Macalister,	3264
Dr. C. B. Matthews,	5063	Geo. K. Childs,	3254
Wm. V. Anderson,	5069	David Boyd,	3132
John S. Warner,	5067	James Pearon,	3246
F. Finley	4961	Hugh Catherwood,	3233
James Crissy,	5065	Thos. S. Stewart,	3241
James Hutchinson,	5063	Enos S. Gandy,	3154
James Andrews,	5075	J. Rutherford, sen.	3249
Wm. B. Ferst,	5080	John Welbank,	3246
Henry Sailor,	5066	Samuel Porter,	3226
Timothy Caldwell,	5067	Benj. Wiley,	3243
Richard Price,	5004	James Torbert,	3251
John Lindsay,	5074	George Smith,	3240

Foreign News.

The packet ship England, at N. York, brings accounts to the 3d Sept.

The scarcity of money in England rather increased. The London Morning Herald has the following statement relative to the refusal of the bank of England to discount American bills, a subject which it will be recollected was anticipated in the correspondence published by us about a fortnight ago.

With regard to the Liverpool and Manchester bills, founded on the export trade to the U. States, which were so recklessly thrown out last week, to the astonishment of the whole trading interest, who knew the perfect solidity of them, a sort of compromise appears to have been come to. On the news reaching Liverpool a deputation was sent up to confer with the directors on the subject, and they had a conference on Tuesday with the Governor and Deputy Governor, and Mr. Horsley Palmer. After a full discussion on all the points at issue, they were given to understand that no obstacle would now be thrown in the way of discounting American bills arising out of fair business transactions, though a wish was expressed on the part of the Bank to check such foreign stock transactions as would have a tendency to drain the country of specie. Between these and the legitimate transactions of commerce, the Bank Directors, if they understand their business, should always be able to distinguish; and such a declaration was therefore deemed quite superfluous.

The Bank of England Directors, on the 1st of September, resolved to raise the rate of interest on bills and notes discounted, to 5 per cent.

We have accounts from Paris to Aug. 31, at which date no official appointment had been made. M. Duchatle, M. Guizot, M. Molé, and M. de Montalivet had had interviews with the King, but there appeared to be obstacles to an arrangement which should include these gentlemen. A Thiers proposed to quit France for Germany or Italy.

M. de la Roe, who had been on a mission from the French Government to the Emperor of Morocco, had succeeded in his mission, and was in his way back to Gibraltar in the Pylade.

There was news from Madrid to the 23d. There had been no serious disturbance there subsequent to the 15th, but the inhabitants were in a state of alarm. Gen. Cordova had arrived at Ocana, and was said to be expected to Madrid, and is represented as having both found the most shocking state, altogether from neglect.—McDowell is said to have escaped from justice several times. He is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, light hair, about thirty-seven years of age, has a large mark across his nose, and another across his lip, and is very fond of wrestling, gambling, &c. Sarah Wharberly, the sister-in-law, seems to have exhibited equal depravity. She procured the horse and wagon in which they absconded, and which was sold in Baltimore. She was to have been married in a few days from the time of her departure, and obtained money from her lover to purchase her *out-fit*, and then absconded with her sister's husband. She is about 18 years of age, rather masculine in her appearance, dark hair, large mouth, good teeth and, makes pretensions with being acquainted with mineralogy.—*Wilmington (Del.) Gaz.*

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Encouraging.—Here is a hint for dairy farmers in the interior. The York papers say that so much as cold weather continues, the good people of that city will be supplied with milk at the rate of *four cents the quart.* Arrangements have been made with hundreds of farmers in the interior, and in New Jersey, to furnish immense quantities of frozen milk. In this way it can be transported a great distance without difficulty, and will pay a handsome profit to those who have heretofore given large quantities to their hogs.

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The two first prizes of four thousand francs each, belonged of right to Lawrence Queter, a fisherman of Douai, who at fifteen years of age had already saved the lives of twenty-nine persons, and to Louise Renee Menard, a young lady born rich and destined to a life of ease and pleasure; this was her vocation, her hope and her reward. At the age of nineteen, when one is so happy in living for happiness or for the hope of gaining it, she thought only of others, and fed at that time two hundred families. Nicolat Piege received a prize of two thousand francs. This man was by trade a rope dancer, and used the agility he had learned in his profession in striding over burning posts and shaking rafters and running from ridge to ridge, to save men, wherever there were men to be saved. The imprudence of a servant at Alencon had set fire to a house in that city. The unfortunate man persisted in the flames, notwithstanding the efforts of Piege to save him. He as usual, went twice through the burning house, and burnt his own feet, his only instruments for gaining a living, in his efforts. The children of this servant were left without support—and Piege, with his burnt feet, gave a representation the evening before his departure, and devoted the entire proceeds of it to the orphans. "This rope dancer (as Mr. Nodier, the prize distributor, well remarked,) this rope dancer was an excellent citizen."

Instinct of Dogs.—A new hereditary instinct in dogs has been observed on the table land of Santa Fe, in Mexico. A particular breed is there employed to hunt the deer. Their mode of attack consists in seizing the animal by the belly and overturning it by a sudden effort, taking advantage of the moment when the body of the deer rests only on its fore legs. The weight of the animal thus thrown over is often six times that of its antagonist. The dog of pure breed inherits a disposition to this kind of chase, and never attacks a deer from behind running. Even should the deer, not perceiving him, come directly upon him, the dog steps aside and makes his assault upon the flank; whereas, other hunting dogs, though of superior strength and general sagacity, which are brought from Europe, are destitute of this instinct. For want of similar precaution, they are often killed by the deer on the spot, the vertebra of the neck being dislocated by the violence of the shock.

These "hereditary instincts," produced originally through habit, and in time transmitted to posterity, are the most singular and wonderful of the principles of nature, if one of nature's operations can be considered more wonderful than another. The instinct of the dog used for hunting the peccary, in the forests on the banks of the Orinooke, is precisely similar to that of the dog mentioned above, although directed in a different mode. It is an acquired habit, changed into an instinct when transmitted to its posterity.—*Washington Telegraph.*

A Turn Out.—We learn from the Lowell Advertiser that some hundreds of the female operatives employed in the Factories, turned out last Saturday, not for higher wages, but because there was to be a deduction of twelve and a half cents from the present prices. The companies have raised the prices of board twenty-five cents per week, one half to be paid at the counting rooms—the other half by the girls.

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STILL LATER.

The French Ministerial papers incline to the opinion that the policy of the government with regard to Spain, will be non-interventional.

M. Persat, surviving editor of *Le National* has addressed a letter to M. Girardin, editor of *La Presse*, reminding him of the oath which he had taken to avenge the death of M. Armand Carrel, and formally challenging him to fight with swords or pistols: with a threat of vengeance in some other mode unless the challenge be accepted. M. Girardin published the letter in his paper, with remarks, and a refusal to accept the challenge even at the risk of assassination.

SPAIN.

The intelligence from Madrid is to the 5th of September. The Christinos under Lopez were defeated by Gomez, near Guadalaxara on the 30th of August, with a severe loss of killed and wounded, Lopez himself was taken prisoner. The two battalions which revolted at San Ildefonso, and compelled the queen to proclaim the constitution, are said to have been almost totally destroyed in this engagement. Gen. Lopez ascribed his defeat to the insubordination of his troops, who compelled him to fight against his own judgment, as he wished to delay the attack until he could receive the reinforcements which had set out from Madrid under General Rodil. After his success, Gomez made a rapid march to Arganda, only five leagues from Madrid, closely pursued by Rodil and Alaix, one of Espartero's generals. The latter overtook the rear guard of Lopez and recaptured some cannon, taken from Lopez.

Don Carlos has issued a decree, solemnly placing himself, his army, and the kingdom, under the special protection of the Virgin Mary.

A Remarkable Case. We have been kindly permitted to extract from a report recently made to the New York Phrenological Society, by its Secretary, as one of a committee appointed to investigate the phenomena connected with a fracture of the skull, and the consequent mental manifestation. The subject of this committee's examination, was a small child of Mr. James Mapes, which at the time of the accident alluded to, was two years of age. About two years since, this child, whilst leaning out of the dormant window of the three story brick house, No

An amusing Vignette in *Bell's Life*, represents the House of Lords under the symbol of the duke of Wellington, in a Cab, driving tandem, and heading into Waverey Omnibus driven by OU-small, who represents the House of Commons. The lines underneath explain the meaning:

Hurrah! dash away, neck or nothing, my duke—
Your cattle are prime, and in stable condition:
Dash for ward, a stranger is fast or rebuke,
And a fig for the coward who decodes a collision.

Then fling up your pouts, and be off like a shot—
No matter for driving a little at random;
In Lyndhurst and Brougham you've got, I wot,
Though now in some risk of upsetting your tandem.

A rat tail of real American breed,
Although in his figure a little too lanky;
But who doubts his courage? and then, his speed!
Not many would venture a man out of Hanky.

The road of Reform don't agree with your prads,
Where Dan drives his Omnibus, slow by his steady,
With little Jack Russell behind on a Cad—
By the powers! you have got in close contact already.

The following was found inscribed on the interior of a sea shell, picked up in a shanty at Rockaway:

Take, O take us back again
To the sea from whence I came;
Take, O take me to the sea,
Ne'er will I wander more from thee;
O let me breathe the pure sea breeze,
I'm sick of the rank green grass and trees;
The land air takes away my breath,
The filled pain, pestilence and death.
Take me back to the ocean shore,
And let me hear the wild surf's roar;
O let me see the bright broad bay,
And bathe once more in the foam and spray,
Or let me in the morning grey,
By the morning's silver rippled to sleep,
That I shan't carry my country,
My cousin the blue and brilliantine sea.

The effect of a pinch of snuff upon a new beginner is very happily described in a translation from the Italian, by Leigh Hunt. It is, in truth, sensation on paper, or moving description—

What a moment! what a drink,
All my sense, inside out,
All my thrilling, tingling, frantic
Pyramid thin-crowned
Wants to sneeze, and cannot do it!
Now it yearns me, thrills me, stings me,
Now with rapturous moments wrings me,
Now says, "sneeze you fool, get through it."
What shall help me? Ugoni! Heaven,
Ah! Yes—thank ye—Thirty seven
times—Hue O! 'tis most dee-lightful,
Iste, iste—most dee—lish,
(Hang it, I shall sneeze till spring)—
Snuff is a most delicious thing!

Our brother over the way gave us a specimen of Lincoln county poetry a few days ago. We think we have got a verse to match it, all the way from New Jersey. An editor down south thinks the first line is well characterized by the dog-gerel:

When Peggy's dog her arms invaded,
I often wish my lot was bare—
How often I should smile and turn,
To get a pat from hands like here.
Nashville Repub.

"You set of a fellow!" exclaimed a poor woman to her husband, "you are always at the public house, getting drunk on hot purt, while I am at home, with nothing to drink but cold water." "Cold, you silly jade, hiccoughed the husband, "why don't you warm it?"

One of Madam Malibran's sweetest songs is called "Night at Sea," the music by H. Herz, the celebrated pianist. The words are pretty—ex. gr.

Heart yearning for home;
Thought, dwelling with thee;
Prayers, that where thou dost roam
I soon may be.

Courage and Magnanimity.—A fight took place in one of our streets on Saturday last between an old man and a young one. The elder from appearances, must have been upwards of 60 years of age—he, of course, got a sound drubbing from his junior antagonist, who strutted about like a game cock, after the victory, and sneered at the black eye and claret nose of the "old hoss."

"Is it possible, sir," said a gentleman addressing the young victor, "that you whipped an old man like that?"

"Whipped him!" exclaimed the young fellow, "I'm sorry I didn't—I wish I could whip a man as old again as this one is, at any time."

Stereotypics.—A young medical gentleman right from the schools, was lately called upon to extract a substance from the nose of a child, but not succeeding, he applied to one of his elder brethren for an instrument and sought his advice. His friend inquired if he had tried sternutatories, and on being answered in the negative, The young doctor said he had, *but they had slipped off.*

A TRUSH ONE.—They have a curious mode in Siberia of procuring the skin of the sable.—Their fur is in the greatest perfection in the depth of winter, at which time the hunter proceeds to the forest armed with a pitcher of water and some carrots which he has taken from his pail at the fast, and climbs himself to the top of a high tree. As soon as the animal attracted by the scent, arrives, the man drops some water on his tail and it instantaneously becomes frozen to the ground. On which, descending from his elevation with incredible rapidity, his partner, with a sharp knife, cuts him transversely on the face. The sable, from the excess of pain, takes an extraordinary spring forward, runs off, and the tail being fast to the ground, it draws off the skin of course, leaving it a prey to the hunter!

"*Speaking of Guns.*"—Of all the torments not physical there is none more tormenting than to have a good story to tell and no opportunity to tell it. "There is no knowing" how the inveterate story-teller feels under such circumstances, and to what desperate extremities he may be driven to relieve himself of his burthen. The Dumbiddle Telegraph has a good anecdote on this subject—"Riding the other day," says the Editor, "in a stage coach, it had become nearly night, and our day's ride was nearly at an end, when suddenly a fellow passenger roused himself, yawned, and he, 'I'll be d—d if I didn't all day without seeing any thing to put me in mind of an anecdote I once heard,'—and then followed an old affair which we had heard an hundred times, and which he, no doubt, had repeated as many thousand."

SHORT CHURTSHIP.—A few days ago a disconsolate Benedict, of Pilliam, tired of single blessedness, made his addresses to the widow of a late well known character, Black Tommy, at Gainsburg, wishing to speak to her a few words. Of course she desired him to walk in. After a short colloquy, the business of the gentleman was broached—he wanted a house keeper, and had been recommended to her.

"Well," replied the dame, "what family have you?"

"Oh, only myself."

"But what house-room have you?"

"Oh, as to that, I have a setting room and one bed room."

"Ah! but where am I to sleep?"

"I was thinking that we had better get married first."

After a little consideration, a bargain was struck and on Monday last, the happy couple were yoked in the holy band of matrimony.

A husband complained of his wife before a magistrate for assault and battery, and it appeared on evidence that he had pushed the door against her and she in turn had pushed it against him, whereupon the counsel for the defendant said that he could see no impropriety in a husband and wife *a-boxing* each other.

An old Blunder Noted.—About the year 1758 there was a warm controversy in the parish of Dedham, as to the formation of a new burying ground. The matter was long agitated at successive meetings; the opposition was violent, and the measure was finally carried by a small majority.

Deacon Onion, notwithstanding his years and infirmities, attended all the meetings, and was very warm in favor of the project, and Captain Baker was violent in the opposition.

The Rev. Mr. Tyler, with his characteristic prudence, kept aloof from the contest. He conversed freely, however, with both parties, and endeavored to assuage their bitterness by his pleasantry and good humor. Soon after the final vote he met Capt. Baker. "Good morning, Capt. Baker." "A fine day, Captain. Well, tell me they cut-rooted you at last." "Yes, and much good may it do 'em. They have got their new burying-ground, and the sooner they have use for it the better. But one thing is certain, *I never be buried there as long as I live.*"

This was too good a blunder for the parson to keep; and so he steered straight to Deacon Onion's to enjoy the joke with him.

"Good morning, Deacon Onion. A fine day, Deacon. Which you pay of your new burying-ground. You were rather too many for them at last." "Oh yes, Mr. Tyler, we cut goodness'd em completely." "And what do you think Captain Baker says about it, Deacon?" "Oh, I don't know; he's an awful wretch. What did he say?" "Why he says he'll never be buried there *as long as he lives.*" "Oh! what an obstinate critter! Why, *if God spares my life I will*, Mr. Tyler.

LOT-OF ATTACHMENT.—There is no feeling more general and more deeply rooted in the human heart, than the love for the place of our nativity. Our affections cling to it as the vine does to the trunk which gives it nourishment. No one can hear his country or his countrymen abused, however just it may be, without feelings of resentment. The Frenchman regards France as the garden of the world. The Scotchman believes that there is no country like the highlands of Scotland. And even the Irishman, though driven from his home, on dreary revisits the "emerald shore of his native isle." But this feeling is not more common to the civilized, than to the savage man. He feels, like the rest of mankind, attachment for the place which gave him birth; and there are no principles more sacred to his heart than those taught him in his youth. These remarks were induced by a conversation overheard a few days since, between an American at this place, and a Kroeman, recently from Cape Palmas. It illustrates what has been said of local attachment, and shows, also, what ideas a native African entertains of human happiness.

Scene.—"Which place pass, Cape Palmas or Mirada?"

Kroo.—"Cape Palmas 'pass disher place too much."

Am.—"No big store live dere, no fine cloth dere, no proper gentleman live dere, how you say dat, he fine place too much?"

Kroo.—"You no speak true. Doct. Hall, he get fine store, plenty good shot live dere; you say no proper gentleman dere, where Mr. T., Mr. A., all dem be properly gentleman for true."

Am.—"But Cape Palmas country people no nabby for make fine country cloth."

Kroo.—"Dah no be palaver, 'Merica people bring pangh fine cloth. And one thing he plenty, Cape Palmas he pass dis place for eat sabb, he get too much rice, too much palm-oil, and too much cabanda; pass he eat pangh, he lie down, he sleep sweet; pass he get fat, he die good; pass he be poor, no eat pangh, den when he come to dead, he cry too much."—*Liberia Her.*

Among the pupils of a boarding school, not many miles from Philadelphia, was a boy not at all remarkable for being one of the bright ones; but on the contrary was a considerable stupid kind of a boy, whose very appearance was destitute of animation. He was dot of course very quick at grammar—a study not most inviting to boys of the best vigour and disposition. One day, while undergoing the operation of the class, the teacher endeavored to make him understand the nature of the verb. "A passive verb," said he, "expresses the nature of receiving an action; as, *Peter is beaten*; now, what did Peter do?" The numbscull stood a moment, and scratching his head by way of thought, with the gravest countenance possible, replied—"Well, I don't know, without he *hollered.*"

A scene of extreme horror in the Pyramids of Egypt.—Some French travellers attempting to explore the vaults of the Egyptian Pyramids, had already traversed an extensive labyrinth of chambers and passages: they were on their return, and had arrived at the most difficult part of it—a very long and winding passage, forming a communication between two chambers; its opening narrow and low. The ruggedness of the floor, sides and roof, rendered their progress slow and laborious, and moreover difficulties increased rapidly as they advanced. The torch with which they had entered became useless, from the impossibility of holding it upright, as the passage diminished in height. Both its height and width at last became so much contracted, that the party were compelled to crawl on their bellies. Their wanderings in these interminable passages (for such in their fatigue of body and mind they termed them) seemed to be endless. Their alarm was very great, and their patience already exhausted, when the headmost one of the party cried out that he could discern the light at the exit of the passage, at a considerable distance ahead, but that he could advance no further, and that in his efforts to press on, in hopes to surmount the obstacle without complaining, he had squeezed himself so far into the reduced opening, that he had now no longer sufficient strength to recede! The situation of the whole party may be imagined; their terror was beyond the power of direction or advice; while the wretched leader, whether from terror or the natural effect of his situation, swelled so, that if it was before difficult, it was now impossible for him to stir from the spot he then miserably occupied. One of the party at this dreadful and critical moment, proposed in the intense selfishness to which vital danger reduces all, as the only means of escape from this horrible confinement, that living grave—to cut in pieces the wretched being who formed the obstruction, and clear it by dragging the dismembered carcass piecemeal past them! He heard this dreadful proposal, and contracted himself in agony at the idea of his death, was reduced to a mere circular spasm, to his usual dimensions, and was dragged out affording room for the party to squeeze themselves by over his prostrate body. The unhappy creature was suffocated in the effort, and was left behind a corpse.—*Column of Curiosities.*

European Opinions of America.—Among other books, I have had my hands, by accident, on the work of a recent French traveller in the United States. We read little other than English books at home, and are much given to declaiming against English travellers for their unfairness; but judge from this specimen of French opinion, our ancient allies rate us quite as low as our quondam fellow-subjects. A perusal of the work in question has led me to inquire further into Gallomania, and I am now studying one or two German writers on the same interesting subject. I must say that, thus far, I find little to feed national vanity, and I begin to fear (what I have suspected ever since the first six months in Europe) that we are under an awkward delusion respecting the manner in which the rest of Christendom regards that civilization touching which we are so sensitive. It is some time since I have made the discovery that "the name of an American is not a passport all over Europe," and, on the other hand, that, were it emergency any very distinct notions at all, it usually conveys such as are any thing but flattering or agreeable. Few nations are so much the dupes of silly tongues as our own, and so overwhelming is the force of popular opinion, that the native writers shrink from exposing the truth, lest they should be confounded with the detractors. Then, how few Americans really know any thing of the better opinion of Europe on such a point! I shall pursue the fruit as which I have fallen, and you will probably hear more of this, before these letters are brought to a close.—*Cooper's Switzerland.*

THE MACE.—Without the mace, the House of Commons does not exist; and it is an essential that the mace should be present at the deliberations of our senate, as that Mr. Speaker should be there himself. Without a speaker the house never proceeds to business, and without his mace Mr. Speaker cannot take the chair. At the commencement of a session and before the election of a speaker, this valuable emblem of the dignity is hidden under the table to be secure while the clerk of the table presides during the election; but no sooner is the speaker elected, than it is drawn from its hiding place, and deposited on the table, of the house: at its rising, Mr. Speaker carries it away with him, and never trusts it out of his keeping. This important question, of the speaker's duty in retaining constant possession of this, which may be called his gilt walking stick, was most gravely decided by a committee of the house, and reported to the house of commons. On that occasion, Sir John Cust, the speaker, being taken ill, sent to tell the house, by the clerk at the table, that he could not take the chair. It appears that there was considerable discussion, whether the mace ought not to have been in the house when this important communication was made. No one, however, presumed to say that it ought to have been on the table, but many maintained that it ought to attend the dignity of the house, to have been underneath it. It was decided, however, that Mr. Speaker had done quite right not to part with his bauble; and the house accordingly, as the journals inform us, "adjourned themselves without the mace." For a member to cross between the chair and the mace when it is taken from the table by the sergeant at arms, is an offence which it is the speaker's duty to reprimand.—*Book of Table Talk.*

PITT'S POWERS OF SLEEP.—However violent might have been the previous agitation of Pitt's mind, yet in a very few minutes after he had laid his head on the pillow, he never failed to sink into profound repose. So difficult, indeed, was it to awake him, that his valet usually shook him before he could be roused from his sleep. One of his private secretaries used to affirm that no intelligence, however distressing, had power sufficient to break his rest. On that account, he never locked or bolted the door of his bed-chamber. I recollect a circumstance which took place several years subsequent to this time—it happened in 1796, strongly corroborative of the above facts. Pitt having been much disturbed by a variety of painful political occurences, drove out to pass the night with Dundas at Wimbledon. After supper, the Minister withdrew to his chamber, having given his servant directions to call him at seven on the ensuing morning. No sooner had he retired, than Dundas, conscious how much his mind stood in need of repose, repaired to his apartment, locked the door, and put the key in his pocket, at the same time enjoining the valet on no consideration to disturb his master, but allow him to sleep as long as nature required. It is a truth that Pitt neither awoke nor called by any person, till half-past four in the afternoon of the following day; when Dundas entering his room, together with his servant, found him still in so deep a sleep that it became necessary to shake him in order to awake him. He slept uninterruptedly during more than sixteen hours.—*Wraxall's Memoirs.*

Strength of the Turtle.—A party, went on shore one night for the purpose of catching turtle, a description of which may not be uninteresting. We left the ship at sunset, and reached the shore about dusk, then hauled the boat from the beach, and when this was done, formed ourselves into two distinct parties, and dispersed to different parts along the beach. Having reached the place where we thought it likely that the turtle would land, we lay down, keeping a sharp look out, and making as little noise as possible. The moon had risen some time, and was shedding her silvery rays on these desolate regions, the opposite coast in the distance, which is very mountainous, and the ship riding at anchor, had together a beautiful effect—the sea was perfectly calm, and every thing appeared to be sleeping in the stillness of the night, and not a whisper being heard among the party—the surf dashing against the rocks, alone breaking the silence of the scene. We were thus all in anxious expectation of the appearance of a turtle and six bells had just gone on board—that is, it was eleven o'clock P. M.—when we saw the first, to our great delight, coming on shore just opposite us. It looked like a black rock moving slowly and steadily out of the water.

We did not interrupt its progress, until it had got some distance upon the beach, when a rush was made towards it, and it was immediately turned over on its back, without giving it time either to defend itself or blind its assailants by throwing the sand with its flippers or fins, which they do with such force that it is almost dangerous to come near them. It took six men then to turn this largest that was caught; and the following incident will further show the immense strength of these animals. One of our men, the gunner, wandered away by himself to the further end of the beach, where he thought to have all the sport to himself, not doubting for a moment that he would be able to turn any turtle which he found; but, on the contrary, to his surprise, not being almost long before copying a large one making towards the beach he allowed it to come up some way, and then, as was over to it, and attempted to turn it. All his endeavours were, however, fruitless; and by some means he got his hand between the shell and the neck, which the animal, by drawing in its head, jammed and held there so fast that he could not withdraw it. The turtle then began to crawl towards the sea, dragging the man with it; and he was in imminent danger of being carried off, when he began to call for assistance. Our party was somewhat alarmed at the cries, thinking that some serious accident had happened, and immediately ran towards the place from which the sound proceeded, where we arrived just in time to save the poor fellow from a watery grave. The turtle was within a few yards of the edge of the sea, and we were obliging him off as if he were nothing; nor was it without some difficulty that we released him from his perilous situation, dragging the turtle above high water mark, and turning it over.—The man got off with only a few bruises, but was much frightened; and we all had a good laugh at him for his adventure.—*Kempthorne's Memoirs on the Eastern Shores of the Persian Gulph.*

THE WAY TO CURE A BAD HUSBAND.—One farmer Potter, of the Parish of Bow, in Devonshire, a man much inclined to neglect, having occasion to sell a yoke of oxen, drove them to Crediton fair, about six or seven miles distant—and meeting with a good fair entertainment, and jovial companions, he was mightily in his element, and did not cry to go home, but turned there same weeks, singing the songs of the drunkard, until at last he was disposed to set out for Bow, and taking his Landlord with him, they soon arrived at the farmer's house, where he expected to meet with a warm reception from his wife; but the good woman had formed a better resolution. Upon the sight of his wife, who came to the door, he accosted her with, "So, Grace, I am returned;" to which she answered, "I see you are, my dear; you are very welcome." "But," said he, "I have brought another man with me." Quoth she, "He is welcome too for your sake." "But, my love," said he, "I have sold my oxen." "My dear," replied she, "you went to the fair for that purpose." "I've spent the money." "If you have," quoth she, "twas no more than your own."

"But farther than that," said he, "I have gone a score to the amount of forty shillings, and here is the landlord come for it." "If so," said she, "I'll go up stairs and fetch it for him," which she immediately did, and afterwards treating the landlord with a pitcher of cider and a pipe of tobacco, in an amicable manner he took his leave. The farmer being so charmed with the economy of his wife Grace, told her, with tears in his eyes, that he would never do so any more, and declared her his darling, and the best of women; and from thence lived temperate and happy with Dame Grace to the day of his death. But had she stormed him in the manner too many women are wont to do on such occasions, there is the greatest probability in the world he would have pursued his vicious course for life, and brought down poor Dame Grace's gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.—*Old paper.*

An Armenian Wedding, the author witnessed in company with Lady Stranford.—We went about 5 o'clock in the evening, and found the house lighted up, and full of the lady's friends, among whom was the priest who was to perform the service, and his wife, both very plain and simple looking persons. We passed through several ante rooms full of people, and were finally ushered into an inner and secluded chamber, round which was a divan. On this sat cross-legged a number of Armenian ladies, two or three deep, and at the far corner was a motionless figure, like a bust in a niche covered with a rich veil, glittering with gold, which hung down on all sides, so as entirely to conceal her figure beneath it. The bust was the bride. Across the room was a line of men, two or three deep, who stood gazing on her in silence. In compliment to our customs, chairs were prepared for us in the neighborhood on which we sat, and continued gazing on her in silence in the same way. To gratify us, the bride permitted her veil to be lifted a little; it was instantly dropped again, but the glimpse we had showed us a slight figure and pale face, with a countenance exceedingly pensive and joyless. Her companions, however, were of a different character; for, when she was unveiled, and displayed faces radiant with beauty and cheerfulness. Some of them were exceedingly lovely, crowned with coronets of gold, and their long hair floated about them in extraordinary profusion down to the divan, like the veil of the bride. Though seemingly in high spirits, they spoke in whispers, and all their motions were tempered by gentleness and modesty. After some refreshments and music, an open space was cleared before the bride, on which two embroidered mats were laid. On them was placed two enormous candlesticks containing wax tapers of a proportionable size and between them was a third, of still greater magnitude, without any candle, but bound upright to the ceiling, by ribbons. This mysterious emblem was called the "nuptial taper." It represented the maiden state of the girl, and was to burn until that state expired. It was then extinguished, and kept as a relic by the family. The stuff of the wick became the perquisite of the priest, who attributed to it many conjugal virtues. The priest was now called on to perform another important ceremony. A low table was placed near the nuptial taper, covered with a white cloth. The priest took from his bosom a small crucifix, and waving it several times in the air over the table, he uttered a benediction and concluded with a psalm. We were curious to see what mystery was under the cloth. It was slowly lifted up, and there appeared a rich shawl, which was taken up and wrapped about the bride. This ceremony was deemed one of the most important parts of the marriage service, and is called "Blending the nuptial knot." After the priest retired, the bride, we expected to see the bridegroom, but he never appeared. He was down in the Galata enjoying himself with his friends; nor was it till the end of the three days that the bride was carried to him wrapped up in sought, the shawl, like a child in swaddling clothes, when the husband saw her for the first time, and the final ceremony was performed.

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.—We would rather, infinitely rather, see a child of six or seven years hale and strong, with a clear ruddy skin, and the other marks of a sound physical education, who had not been sent to learn his letters, and could not distinguish A from B, than we would see one pale, delicate looking, lethargic in his movements, even though he could repeat whole pages by rote, aye, or even—and we once knew such an instance—read Homer with his father. In looking forward to their future lives—giving them the same facilities for acquiring information, and supposing the original formation of the brain to be much of the same in them both—we would unhesitatingly give it as our opinion, that in no long run, the former would distance the latter in mental capacity, and distinguish himself more in whatever path of intellectual usefulness he might be pursued.—*Mag. of Health.*

Lord H ———"*The Clock struck first.*"—George the III. was extremely punctual, and expected punctuality from every one in this respect. The late Lord H—k—n was the most punctual person who attended on his Majesty; he never was a second behind his time. He had an appointment one day with the King at Windsor, at twelve o'clock; on passing the hall the clock struck twelve, on which his lordship, in his rage at being a minute too late, rained his cane and broke the glass of the clock. The King reminded him that he was a little beyond his time, which he excused as well as he could. At his next audience the King, as he entered the room, exclaimed, "Why H—k—d H—k—d how came you to strike the clock!" "The clock struck first, your Majesty!" The King laughed heartily at the grave manner in which Lord H. justified himself, the mock solemnity of the answer adding zest to the bon mot.

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BROOKS' LETTERS.

Things in Florence.

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Beyond the Lake, upon our road, we reached at last the confines of the papal dominions. The Lazaretto where the victims of the quarantine had been duly incarcerated, we passed with a shrug, blessing the happy fortune that had saved us from such a prison. Our passports were inspected, found to be in order, and signed—and at last, we were beyond the dominions of the Pope. Sure I am, that I never quitted a country with more sincere pleasure. The people in them is the most surly and most grinding I have ever seen. The country seems to be the most wretchedly governed of any in Europe. The people are discontented, and miserably poor. The soldiers are a caricature of the very name. To say in other states barbarous, that such a soldier is a soldier of the Pope is to call him a coward and a slave, and to place him in the strongest terms. Our ride will pass off a specimen of these defenders of the Papal States. It may be funny, but we all thought we could see a difference in the civilization of the land, or the people, and the military, the moment we passed the papal line, and got into the Tuscan dominions. Though the Duke of Tuscany rules despotically over his little dominions, yet his subjects are contented with him—His government is for the good of his people, and is wisely administered. Certain it is that the custom house officers were none of the surly gang that we had so often met in the Pope's dominions. The people were civilized, and could give civil answers. Throngs of beggars did not hang round our coach. Strangers seemed to be welcomed, and there were indications of good cheer.

The Etruscan or Tuscan dominions, through which we were passing, was once the centre of all that was known of civilization, even when Athens was made the seat of learning, and art was spread over all Europe, and is now redeeming all America from the savage grasp. The rocky heights of Cortina we passed without ascending, since it cost of the Pelasgians, the birth place of Petrarch and Macrone—is remote upon one of the accessible cities of the Etruscan confederacy, we approached in the shadow of evening through a country of interesting history and beauty. We entered on our eyes had been for many days past with the miserable cultivation of what might be made a most lovely country, it was with joy that I saw the cultivated farm, even in some of the pits of autumn, and the vine in long festoons, and the olive looked rather and mournful. Night came upon us, and the earth, mantled in darkness as it was, of course we saw no more. A traveler, as is frequently is all Italy, rode at our side from evening till we stood at the gates of Florence in early morning. No diligence nor courier ventures abroad, after dark, without the guard. A trained corps has been thus established, with your shoulders, and the glimmer of his armor confuses your sleeping visions. The poor boys and horses are changed every ten or twelve miles as with us, but the outdoor or the driver, who, however, does not touch a rein nor a horse, keeps on, with the carriage, conducting, and giving orders, respecting it. The conductor is on or in the coach, and sleeps he. Arrived at the gates, when a new set of poor boys and a new set of horses relieves the last, and as the boys mount the horses backs and snap their whips, the conductor goes to sleep again. Thus we journeyed on during the night to the gates of Florence, which we reached long before day. The sentinel hailed us, and let us in. Our passports were demanded and given up. We moved to the custom-house, and a little fee saved our baggage from examination. We paid the fees of the portillions, and gave the courier his beale menu, and when all was included, our bill was nearly fourteen dollars each, for journeying a little over two hundred miles.

I will not see in these details how much it costs in Italy to move quick, and you see also what affections of custom-house, police, guards, gates, &c. we are free from in our country now united, and not split up into different states as Italy is—for with us our government rules all, and education and intelligence are endeavored to be diffused among all the people. But when we boast of what we are, let us remember what we might have been and what we yet may be. Our destiny will be as fatal as here, unless her lessons are used to, and improved upon us. This beautiful city upon the Arno, this land left by the gods and godlike, this Etruria, this land, the first gleam of freedom lighted upon its towers, and when its voice and its arm rallied all others, and drove back the tyrants, with the exclamation "Ecco qui, qui, qui, qui!" Arts had their home here. Man grew strong in such a land, and its church of Santa Croce holds the ashes of some of the most illustrious of the mighty dead. The government is not, and never was, a free government in the way, but it is not free, and thus the day of its glory is over.

"But Arno wins us to the fair white walls,
Where the Etrurian Athens claims and keeps
A softer feeling for her fairy halls,
Girt by her theatre of hills, she reaps
Her corn, and wine, and oil, and plenty leaps
To lavishing life, with her redundant horn.
Along the banks where smiling Arno sweeps
Was modern luxury of commerce born,
And here and here my soul, unbidden, yearns to mourn."

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Things in Florence.

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Florence is one of the three cities of Italy which are at present the most renowned for the beauty of the city, and of the great relics of antiquity. It is a city in which strangers love to make long tarries, and where they are well paid for their tarry in what they see and enjoy—a city in which they are treated with uncommon elegance and delicacy, and all things considered, it is perhaps the best school in Italy for the person who seeks an acquaintance with the language. I should think that a fortnight's tarry at the present moment which unfits me for the enjoyment of its arts—a study of arts and antiquities for three months in Italy, and a footsteps journey of nearly five months upon the continent, compelling me to think that quiet and rest are the greatest of all enjoyments. The American who goes down the Peninsula of Italy in a hurry, and attempts to see and feel the whole of different feelings; for his feelings will be fresh, and not satiated and wearied by constant observation.—Again I anticipated to feel the truth of the remark, that a fortnight's tarry in one place in a journey must tire three months at one time.

The first thing that strikes the traveller is returning from Southern Italy, is the new and fresh feeling given him by the sight of Florence. It has a Gothic or a barbaric die to which his eyes have not been for some time accustomed, and he is soon impressed with the idea that he is not in a city of remote antiquity, but in a city of the middle ages. Yet there is an elegance, an ornament and art about it, which distinguish it from other cities he may have seen, and so marked a character of a different character, that I have imagined that the genius of the city was written, as it were, upon the buildings that stand in its streets. The great facade and portico have given way to such fortresses as were used in ancient times as a means of liberty, or of a man's own house; and yet these fortresses, strong and massive as they are, have an air of grandeur and beauty that puts them far above a common house of a different character. Palaces, some of the most interesting and ancient cathedrals of Italy, its cupola was the admiration of Michael Angelo, who was wont to say that art could scarcely surpass it, and yet it was built 500 years ago. A hundred and fifty years it was in building, and monuments, inscriptions, sculptures, and paintings adorn it in every quarter. The Campanile, or belfry which is by its side, rises upon it, as the tower of a castle, and is a most beautiful toys of architecture my eyes ever beheld, and it simply contains the idea of in Grecian forms is all the beauty of architectural proportion. "This tower is 292 feet in height of 280 feet, overlooking the city, and it is incrusted with precious marbles, worked into groupings of every kind and name. The Baptistery or Baptistry, near the Cathedral, is the most ancient edifice of any other beautiful toy. The gates of this structure are, however, its chief attraction, for they are of bronze, and so beautiful as the art and the genius of the best Florentines ever could make them. Cosimo III. now being taken of one for the King of France, who has ordered his arms all over Italy, and who is thus running in the career of Bonaparte, perhaps hoping like that great man to make the Louvre the Pantheon of Europe, where trophies cannot be won. The Duomo is a Tuscan Gothic edifice. The Campanile is a Greco-Arabia Gothic tower. The Baptistery is of an octagon form, and is a dome somewhat like the Pantheon at Rome. The walls of this singular temple, both outside and inside, are incrusted with sculpture by the most eminent artists of the day in which it was built. The porphyry columns are of the principal entrance, given in the year 1117 by the Pisans to the Florentines, and an iron chain, suspended from an oak tree, is a trophy of the conquest of Pisa, taken over the Pisans in the year 1362. These were the chains of the Port of Pisa.

The stations, portraits and monuments of the celebrated characters of the once renowned, and the once formidable Florentine republic, are to be seen within the walls of its Duomo, but the monuments of its illustrious dead are in the church of Santa Croce, which is to Florence as the Pantheon of Rome—and which is to Florence as Westminster Abbey to England.—The outward walls of this far-famed church are rough, unfinished and dark. It is one of those gigantic creations that a people think of when they are strong, but which they find themselves too feeble to execute, when age or corruption has come upon them. It has none of the look of the rich and the genteel churches of Italy, and yet the moment the stranger enters its long drawn aisles, he feels that here is a solemnity within them that marble and mosaics, and gold and gilt can never give. But architecture is not its attraction, nor sought that man has piled up within it, except those ranges of monuments which commemorate the fame of some of the greatest men whom all times have produced. The tomb of Michael Angelo a bust—The name of Michael Angelo Benarotti, is inscribed upon the base, and his bust is upon the sarcophagus. Before this tomb, the sense of Allieri were arrested, when unknown and as a stranger he wandered through the church, and the sight of it he tells us, with the reflections to which it gave birth, was his first stimulus to ambition, in the pursuit of that immortal fame with which the world has crowned his life. But close to the tomb which was his inspiration, is now the mausoleum of Allieri himself. It represents Italy crowned, mourning at the sarcophagus of a poet, and is enriched by a bass-relievo bust of Allieri, and adorned with appropriate laurel wreaths, urns and masks. The work is by Canova.

Allieri was the Byron of Italy, with his vices and his genius, and his pride, and almost his principles too. A nobleman, he distinguished himself from the herd by his pen. A lover, the wife of a British Peer was his mistress, and the widow of a pretender to the throne of Albany, the royal bride of the Stuarts, his consort, or "Lamia Donna," as he styles her—A writer,—he denounced aristocracy, and yet was an aristocrat himself. But his genius has immortalized him; Italy owes his power,—and he goes down to posterity in company with him, who planned the Dome of St. Peters, and whose chisel and whose pencil have astonished mankind. Michael's name and his epitaph next arrest the attention. "To each a name," says his epitaph in Italian, "to each an epitaph." I was surprised at that. The word Michelangelo had never been associated in my mind, I know not how, with all that is most disposable in that literature, which admitsions to the wants of genius, but such an epitaph has put me to shame, and I know now that, that to such a man no epitaph can be adequate. For Michael suffered for freedom, and for the Republic of Florence, and died in poverty after twice conspiring against its tyrants. Galileo's bones are also here, now honored, and with a name so proudly known even in that land which condemned him to prison for demonstrating that the world moved round the sun, and which forced him publicly to declare on his knees, that his system was false, and that the world did not move;—this showing again how the world may do injustice to the living, and persecute them even unto death, while they will rally over, and weep amid the remains of those living, even when they are in the tomb. His monument now declares that in his day, he was incomparable; and yet notwithstanding he was the inventor of the telescope, the observer of the phases of Venus, and the investigator of the movement of the pendulum, and the verifier of the theory of the Heavens, yet he died under the anathema of the church and his sovereign, blind, and poor, and in exile!

The remains of other great men are here, but those of whom I have spoken are best known to fame in our far-off land; and thousands of other things drawing me onward, leave me but little time to wander or rest at in the sacred precincts of Santa Croce. Dante was a son of Florence, but this Pantheon of theirs, has no remains of his, though the Florentines, who banished him, have made every effort to bring back his bones to the city which gave him birth. Ravenna has lost his remains. This city was his asylum and his grave. The people who refused him living, refuse to give him up dead—and a nightingale in Florence justly punished for driving from its walls the champion of liberty, this matchless poet, this man who made a language, and whose fancy invigorated it with life. Twice since then, I have been at Ravenna, and twice I have felt when I saw the long knife, bright as the pinnacle-lamp, dazzling all around. Nelson looked at it, and in a moment it was down to the bone, right and left, and sometimes it cut a man in half at a stroke. Nelson, I but, just before, when the surgeon drew the skin back, he looked up. Then came the saw; and I'm blessed if the carpenter sawing off the limb of a table never operated more cleanly than our surgeon. Nelson's good right arm; one that in the attack, not a month previous with the Spanish gun-boats, had decimated his opponents, and saved the day, as well, perhaps, as John Sykes's skull. In taking up the arteries, the surgeon, in his haste, took up a nerve, and bound the two together with a piece of silk thread, and this caused the torture months after, which at the time of his death, was so intense. No sooner was the limb dressed—the knives removed—the assistant surgeon despatched to look for others, than up gets the admiral, and, 'Brace, says he' get some papers, and write down the dose for me, for I'm in a fever, and I want to be quiet; he told me every word, and held the paper and read it himself, to see that it was all correct, although it was eleven o'clock at night before it was finished."

The World before the Flood.—Baron Cuvier, the celebrated French philosopher and naturalist, after the most patient and laborious search, came to the conclusion that no human bones have ever been found in the fossiliferous deposits made by the subsidence of the waters of the deluge. From the phenomena of the earth he argues that a great revolution took place upon its surface less than 5 or 6000 years ago, by which countries then inhabited were buried and concealed, while the countries now inhabited were formed from the bottom of the former waters, then accounting for the marine shells and petrifactions found almost every where, even on the tops of the highest mountains.

There is a thought of deep and dreadful solemnity connected with these facts. "The fountains of the great deep," at the deluge, "were broken up" and "the eternity of waters" rose against rebellious man. The living world were buried, with the same exception as when, in ancient times, the heaven sustained ark, which floated over the face of an ocean, the most gloomy and troubled that ever rolled over a shoreless orb. And the awful curse stopped not there! Man was buried in the earth for long ages, and the mountains covered grave over to reveal its dead, until the heart of the old and crazy earth shall break in the judgment agony, and pour out, in the face of the morning of eternal day, the millions she has entombed in her cerements. The thought of the burial of the old world was deep and affecting. Not one poor frame of a man who despised the warnings of Noah has ever reflected the sunshine of the new world which arose from the bottom of the waters, and yet, so that not a soul baptism and purification by water. No man hath seen a relic of the dead men who lived in the world before the flood.—*Christian Herald.*

GOOD ADVICE.—Never cut a piece out of a newspaper until you have looked on the other side, where perhaps you may find something more valuable than that which you intended to appropriate.

Never put salt in your soup before you have tasted it, unless you have known gentlemen very much engaged by doing so.

Never burn your fingers if you can help it. People burn their fingers every day, when they might have escaped if they had been careful.

Let no gentleman quarrel with you but with a woman. If you are troubled with her, retreat. If she abuse you, be silent. If she tear your cloak off, give her your coat. If she box your ears, bow. If she tear your eyes out, *feel* your way to the door—but fly.

Don't put your feet on the table. True, the members of Congress do so, but you are not a member of Congress.

If you form one of a large mixed company, and a diffident stranger enter the room and take his seat among you, say something to him for Heaven's sake, even though it be only, "Fine evening, sir." Do not let him sit bold upright, suffering all the agonies of bashfulness, without any relief. Ask him how he has been—tell him you know his friends and so and so—any thing will do to break the icy stiffness in which very decent fellows are sometimes frozen in their *debut* before a new circle.

Lady's Rock.—Near the old castle of Duart, in the Isle of Mull, rises on a level with the water the small island or rock called the Lady's Rock, which name is said to have originated in the following adventure; Maclean, Lord of Duart, having married a sister of the Earl of Argyle, and suspecting his wife of infidelity, exposed her on this rock to be devoured by the monsters of the ocean, or engulphed by the tide. This lovely unfortunate victim of the jealously of Maclean, saw the waves approaching which were about to hurry her into the deep, the sea having already reached the summit of the rock; when a fortunate chance brought a boat into the strait, in which was Argyle himself. The cries of a female led him towards the rock; he recognised his sister, and having reached her, bore her to his castle. He afterwards avenged her wrongs by killing her persecutor in a desperate combat fought in the presence of the King of Scotland.

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